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When Stephanie Flores-Small heads back to York on Thursday, there won't be any first-day jitters — just plenty of anxiety about the cost of her classes.

The Toronto student says her tuition averages about $7,400 a year, and though she lives at home and works part-time, the skyrocketing cost of education is never easy to stomach, especially when her boyfriend in P.E.I. only pays $3,000 a year.

Unfortunately for Flores-Small, her $7,400 tuition won't be shrinking any time soon, says a new report, estimating that undergraduate tuition and compulsory fees in Ontario will hit as much as $9,541 by 2018.

The report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) said those fees have tripled since 1993, rising 248 per cent in Ontario alone.

That's an increase that is well above inflation, which only rose by 48.71 per cent between 1993 and this year.

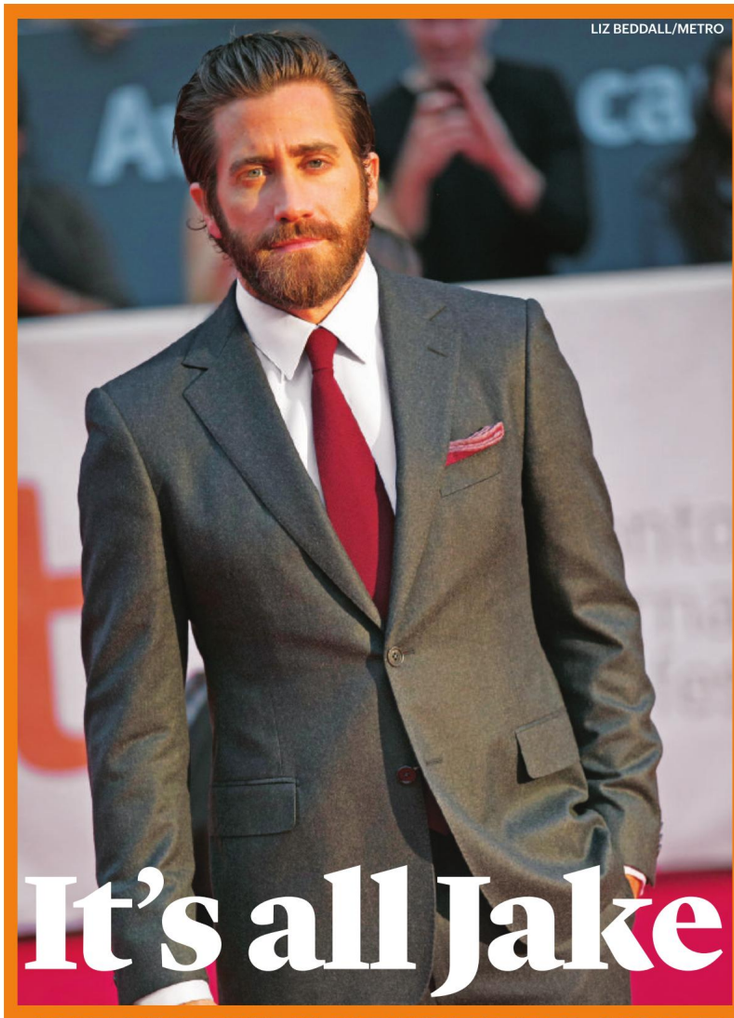
It's hurt students in Ontario the most because they have the highest tuition fees in the country, the report revealed.

Students in Newfoundland shell out only $2,857 a year. Quebec and Manitoba enjoy low tuition, but not the sweet deal Newfoundland students get, while tuition in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan is relatively high.

That patchwork across the country is alarming, said CCPA director of education Erika Shaker, because it could result in students making their university choices based on what province has the most affordable tuition.

For those who brace themselves and choose to take on an education in a province with some of the highest fees, Shaker said there is an increased risk of debt.

"We are all impacted by the financial stability that a generation will have to live under if they have to live in those conditions," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Full TIFF coverage in metroLIFE

TIFF INSIDER

Jessica Allen
For Metro Canada

A moment of respite from being a TIFFhole — but don't worry, it didn't last very long...

Wednesday night, the eve of TIFF, started out in an uncharacteristically un-TIFFhole-like way: I arrived early to the 10th annual Canadian Filmmakers' party at the Spoke Club, wandered up to the rooftop patio and, with the sun turning the sky brilliant shades of red, I talked with two complete strangers!

We immediately bonded while making jokes about the jumpsuit I was wearing. It may have been "high fashion," but I still looked like I was getting ready to fix someone's car.

Turns out the affable and pretense-free pair, Kaleena Kiff and Galen Fletcher, are producers on a Canadian film, No Men Beyond This Point, included this year in TIFF's Vanguard program. The mockumentary tackles the prickly topic of gender and identity by imagining men are no longer needed by women to make babies.

The shower of stars is on its way — see page 21

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Super Mario's bosses yield power to gamers. **Business**

Community housing long on priorities, short on cash

TCHC

Corporation identifies over $13.7 M worth of needed fixes

Mayor John Tory and interim TCHC CEO Greg Spearn sit together at a news conference announcing priorities for an improved housing authority. JENNIFER PAGLIARO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Community Housing wants to replace outdated security cameras, better manage bed bug infestations and respond faster to elevator breakdowns.

But the bulk of those improvements — they have identified 71 in total — can't happen unless the housing corporation comes up with $13.73 million for next year's budget.

TCHC has identified priorities in security, building conditions and customer service in response to Mayor John Tory's housing task force. They outlined their intentions at a press conference Thursday.

But unless they can secure capital funding going forward, including lobbying the federal and provincial governments as well as private sponsors, they will be added to the growing list of unfunded fixes that currently plague the organization.

"This has been well done by this corporation," Tory said, adding the kind of fixes wanted by residents are reasonable. "It marks a beginning and not an end."

Tory said there are more fundamental changes to come, including the structure and overall governance of the corporation which has been overwhelmed with controversy in recent years.

He also highlighted the challenge of dealing with criminality within public housing, what he called "like a cancer."

TCHC has also prioritized evicting problem tenants, but acknowledged Thursday there still needs to be changes in provincial legislation to give the housing authority greater powers of eviction — something Tory said he's spoken to Premier Kathleen Wynne about.

Interim TCHC CEO Greg Spearn said some of the initiatives, which are top of mind for residents, are already in place.

"And most importantly, they're helping to drive lasting solutions. ...This is real change," Spearn said Thursday. "But we need funding to do them."

While TCHC says some improvements on the action list were already underway this year, they have re-prioritized based on the task force's interim recommendations. Changes already started were paid for by reallocating 2015 money.

A final report is expected at the end of the year.

While not all of the initiatives require new money to complete by the end of 2016, TCHC has made clear that the bulk of the work requires substantial investment.

That money is in addition to the more than $850 million needed from each of the higher levels of government to complete more than $2.56 billion worth of capital repairs over the next 10 years.

TCHC says the money already provided by the city will soon run out, putting the majority of those repairs in limbo.

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metro The Syrian Crisis
Canadians Rally

Tory leads meet on refugees

Mayor John Tory met almost 40 faith leaders Thursday, brainstorming ways to welcome Syrian refugees to Toronto.

But some worry they could trigger an outpouring of sponsorship commitments, donations and medical care — only to have federal red tape restrict the number of families who can enjoy the warm welcome.

"We're on this," Tory told reporters of Toronto's response to the crisis after the meeting at city hall that lasted about an hour and included colleagues Joe Mihevc and Joe Cressy.

Those in the closed-door session came up with suggestions, including creating an insurance fund to "backstop" refugee sponsors — groups raise $27,000 to cover a family's first year in Canada — as well as registries of doctors offering services and Torontonians hoping to donate goods such as furniture.

Mihevc, Cressy and others are hosting a public meeting at city hall on Sunday Sept. 27 at 2 p.m., open to all who want to help Syrians and others risking their lives to flee war and persecution.

Attendees will get an update on plans to help refugees and learn how they can pitch in.

Dr. Preetkamal Randhawa, who sees refugees at the Queen Street West clinic he runs with Dr. Parminder Singh, said it was "beautiful" to see a room full of leaders of different faiths working together to help vulnerable people. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Caitlin Colson, manager of the Yes In My Backyard Festival, outside the group's headquarters at Richmond Street and Spadina Avenue. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

COMMUNITY

Festival 'like clubs day' for city-builders

Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

YIMBYs of Toronto, unite.

Registration is open for this year's "Yes In My Backyard Festival," an event that promotes groups engaged in positive city building, and organizers are hoping for a big turnout.

"Toronto is often seen as a divided city," said festival manager Caitlin Colson. "We're trying to come together and find out how we can overcome those divides."

The YIMBY Festival was founded in 2006 by filmmaker Christina Zeidler following a sudden spike in development in the Queen Street West area.

In an effort to counter negative NIMBY stereotypes, Zeidler decided to celebrate those making positive change in the city.

Now in their 8th year, the YIMBYs want to bring together 100 forward-thinking Toronto organizations on Oct. 31 at the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University.

"It's an interactive information fair," said Colson. "It's like clubs day on the first day of school where you get to see all the different things that are happening."

Any community group making a positive contribution to the city can rent a table and use the event to meet members of the pubic and network with other like-minded city builders.

"We want … grassroots development that really comes from the community," Zeidler said.

Among those signed up this year are StopGap, an organization that builds and distributes wooden access ramps to stores with steps, and Free Geek Toronto, a non-profit that refurbishes unwanted electronics and re-sells them at an affordable price.

"It's the diversity of groups that makes it exciting," said Colson.

5 MEMORABLE MOMENTS AS CITY HALL TURNS 50

On Sunday, one of Toronto's most impressive modernist buildings will turn 50 years old. Toronto City Hall was officially opened to the public September 13, 1965, with a lavish celebration in Nathan Phillips Square. Despite its age, the building is still capable of turning heads with its sweeping curves and futuristic clam shell council chamber. Here are five things you may knot have known about Toronto's "new" City Hall. **CHRIS BATEMAN** FOR METRO

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1 The mayor's desk

The mayor's solid concrete desk weighs 800 pounds. Unlike the building, City Hall's furniture was also acquired via a traditional tendering process. Knoll, the winner of a fraught selection process, supplied most of the chairs, desks, and credenzas, but the solid concrete desk of the mayor was built by furniture maker Leif Jacobsen Ltd. Today, John Tory sits behind the same 2.2-square-metre piece of furniture.

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2 Design competition winner

Finnish architect Viljo Revell's futuristic design was selected out of 510 entries from around the world. One was round like a doughnut, another was pyramid-shaped, but most looked like conventional 1960s office towers. Revel's design was selected as the winner on Sept. 26, 1958. Then-mayor Nathan Phillips called the blueprint "breathtaking." In 1959, a visiting Prince Philip said it looked "like a boomerang." TORONTO ARCHIVES

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3 Parking garage

The parking lot was once the largest in the world, and very confusing. In 1964, so many people lost their vehicles inside the cavernous Nathan Phillips Square parking garage that the city bought an electric golf cart to aid searches. "We used to have men on motor scooters who'd go out and look. But we found most people can't remember their license plate numbers," said Toronto Parking Authority general manager Robert Bundy.

4 The architect

Architect Viljo Revell never saw City Hall finished. Though he did get to see his curved towers rise to impressive heights, Revell died of a heart attack in Helsinki on Nov. 8, 1964, just months before City Hall was to be opened to the public. This picture, taken two weeks before his death, shows one of the last times Revell was at the construction site. One of Revell's biggest disappointments was being denied the chance design the furniture, too.

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5 Rooftop observation deck

The east tower used to have a rooftop observation deck. When City Hall opened to the public in 1967, the taller east tower had a popular rooftop lookout that offered panoramic views of downtown. "It's a tremendous thing so many people want to see City Hall," said property commissioner Harry Rogers in 1968. "We're not annoyed by it at all." By 1979, the mood had changed. Crowds were obstructing city workers and the deck was kept closed except on special occasions

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Yu Li holds a picture of his friend Zhiyong Kang at College Street and University Avenue Thursday morning. Kang was riding his bike along Finch Avenue earlier this summer when he was struck by a vehicle and killed. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

Group lobbies for safer streets

TRANSPORTATION

Protesters argue careless driving fines are too lenient

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A throng of people gathered in front of Queen's Park Thursday morning, carrying pictures of loved ones killed by drivers while cycling or walking through Toronto.

The protesters are part of a growing chorus calling on the government to impose stricter penalties on careless drivers.

In a statement sent to Metro, provincial Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca said the group got their message across.

"We are always interested in ways we can make Ontario's roads even safer, and we look forward to hearing from this coalition on their suggestions on how we can achieve this shared goal," he said.

That's heartening news, said Albert Koehl, a lawyer who's working with bereaved friends and families. Together, they penned an op-ed in the Toronto Star and worked with a local councillor to send Del Duca a letter.

$50K

The coalition wants the fine for serious incidents to be increased to $50,000.

The group is pushing for a vulnerable road users law that recognizes how much more at risk pedestrians and cyclists are. For example, in cases of serious injury or death, they want the maximum fine for careless driving increased from $2,000 to $50,000.

Yu Li, who attended Thursday's protest, said the harsher punishments would act as a better deterrent.

"It's about education, it's about changing the mentality," he said. "Right now, it's just a fine the driver can just pay and forget about the whole thing."

Li said he wants drivers to realize the roads are not only for cars.

"When you are behind the wheel, think about what a slight distraction can to do the vulnerable users of the road. There are real lives at risk," he said.

Li's friend Zhiyong Kang was riding his bike home from work at about midnight on Finch earlier this summer when he was struck and killed by an allegedly impaired driver, who fled the scene. The case is before the courts. According to court documents, the accused, Darya Selinevich, had previously pleaded guilty to impaired driving and paid a $1,200 fine.

"Hopefully this time she spends time in jail, because she has crossed all the lines," Li said.

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EDUCATION

U of T eyes new campus in Brampton

If Brampton needs a university, it's got a partner next door.

The University of Toronto is exploring a potential expansion into Peel Region. The move follows the Ontario government's policy looking to open up more spaces for post-secondary education across the province.

"Brampton is a growing market, and they've been seeking a university for quite a long time," said Deep Saini, vice-president and principal at U of T Mississauga. "It's our responsibility to provide the best education we can to students in western Toronto areas."

Earlier this year, Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey appointed a Blue Ribbon panel to provide a realistic plan for a university in the city. Headed by former Ontario Premier Bill Davis, the panel will present recommendations later this year.

For the project to go ahead, Saini said the university would need adequate land and improved public transit options to facilitate the movement of students and staff.

U of T's Mississauga campus already hosts over 1,500 students from Brampton, and the number keeps increasing every year, Saini said.

At least three other universities have expressed interest in opening facilities in Brampton, said Jaipaul Massey-Singh, the panel's vice chair. The panel members have been meeting with the schools and assessing their merits.

Massey-Singh said the city is looking for "well-rounded undergraduate programming," not just a specialized set of faculties.

The Ontario Ministry of Training, College and Universities is expected to put out a formal call for proposals in 2016.

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Participants march in last year's AIDS Walk. CONTRIBUTED

HIV stigma needs a cure

AWARENESS EVENT

Discrimination against those fighting virus still remains

Gilbert Ngabo
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A four-kilometre walk through downtown Toronto this Sunday isn't just about raising money for the fight against HIV/AIDS.

It's also an opportunity to remind us all that stigma and discrimination are still issues for those living with the disease, say the organizers of the annual AIDS Walk.

"It's still very easy for some people to pass judgment," said John Maxwell, executive director of the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), which provides support services to people with HIV/AIDS.

"And when people are isolated, they are less likely to go to a doctor for example, and stigma impacts the way they connect with their families."

Maxwell said there has been progress in medical research, leading to more HIV-positive people living longer. However, that hasn't prevented the spread of the infection.

An estimated 19,000 people in Toronto live with HIV, and there are about 400 new diagnoses every year, he said.

"It may not be something on people's top of mind, but there are more people living with HIV than before," he said.

For more than 25 years, ACT has led the annual fundraising walk, spreading the messages about HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment.

This year's walk takes place only a few weeks after pharmaceutical company Gilead Sciences asked Health Canada to approve the use of its Truvada drug as a preventative measure against HIV/AIDS.

Known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, the drug has been shown to prevent HIV transmission in 90 per cent of cases. It was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in 2012, but its status remains in limbo in Canada.

Maxwell said the stigma around HIV/AIDS can prevent some people from seeking medical treatment or advice. By fast-tracking PrEP, Health Canada could help reduce that barrier, he said.

"Because it would be approved for prevention, more folks who are at high risk of HIV would probably come forward and physicians would be able to prescribe it for them," he said.

For more information, visit aidswalktoronto.ca.

LIFE WITH PrEP

Len Tooley, team co-ordinator at HIV Prevention Lab of Ryerson University, has been using Truvada as PrEP for the last two years. For him, the approval for this drug's use as a prevention treatment is long overdue.

Analysis has shown treating someone with PrEP for a significant portion of their life is more cost-effective than treating them when they have HIV, said Tooley, a longtime health advocate in the gay community.

Having the drug on the market would increase people's chances of fighting and effectively eliminating the risks of contracting HIV, he said.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Dundas West cocktail bar opens to magic reception

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A new bar on Dundas West has subtly worked elements from the Harry Potter books into its decor. Co-owner Paris Xerx prepares the bar's feature cocktail, "the Shacklebolt," a variation on a dark and stormy. STEVEN GOETZ/METRO

A neon sign behind the bar references the final scene of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. STEVEN GOETZ/METRO

It was like they waved a magic wand and said, "Accio customers!"

Paris Xerx and Matt Rocks opened Lockhart, their Harry Potter-themed bar on Dundas West on Saturday. Less than a week later, the pair has more than 5,500 Facebook fans and are selling cocktails as fast as they can mix them.

"We've been trying to cope with the crowd," Xerx said. "Yesterday, we served 131 cocktails in five or six hours."

The idea was to create a bar that would appeal to Harry Potter fans, but wouldn't drive away muggles looking for a drink.

Take the name: the bar is named after Gilderoy Lockhart, the defense against the dark arts teacher in the second novel, but it also just sounds cool, Xerx said.

Inside, you'll find a stag head Patronus on the wall and the Deathly Hallows sign in a secret area of the bar — but if that sounds like nonsense to you, you can still enjoy cocktails made with ingredients from the potions and elixirs wall.

The menu is littered with Harry Potter references, including one that's so obscure, if you spot it, the bar will give you a drink on the house.

Xerx grew up with the Harry Potter books, reading them in has native Iran as they were released. But it wasn't until he moved to Canada that Rocks introduced him to the broader Harry Potter world.

It's a good partnership, Xerx said. Rocks provides the Harry Potter references and creative ideas, and he turns them into cocktails.

"He's got the creative image, and I make it happen," he said.

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Farmer John Langs took to the fields to voice his 'intense dislike' for Stephen Harper.
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Grassroots protest

ELECTION 2015

Farmer makes his opinion known to all

Jessica Smith Cross
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An Ontario farmer who wrote "Anybody but Harper" in his field is urging everyone — especially youth — to get out and vote.

"This is your chance to shape the country," said John Langs, a retired civil servant and farmer in the Brantford area.

The writing is remarkably even and clear. Langs said that was possible because his combine leaves straight lines across the recently harvested field that helped him plan his message and gauge the letters' height.

"The crop was off the field and I thought, let's have some fun with it," he said. Photos of the crop sign, some taken from passing airplanes, have been causing a stir on social media.

Langs said he has an "intense dislike" for Stephen Harper. The farmer said the Prime Minister has done a poor job handling the economy and has curtailed Canadian democracy.

"Overall, he hasn't done this country any favours," he said

After his sign went viral, Langs was approached by Brantford-Brant Liberal candidate Danielle Takacs. He's decided to endorse both her and the federal Liberals, he said.

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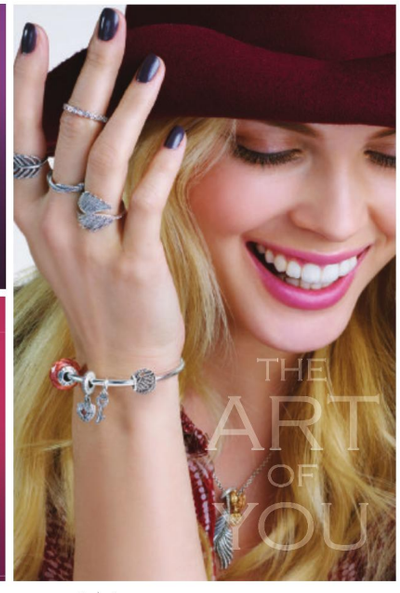

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Wanted: A yogi who aims high

Fly Studio co-owner Marlene Sammy is holding a contest to find a new business partner. Applicants should be familiar with balance poses — and balance sheets. DEENA DOUARA/FOR METRO

CONTEST

Fly Studio seeks perfect partner to share business

Deena Douara
Metro | Toronto

If you can schedule, spot opportunities and smile while performing an inverted butterfly from suspended silks, you might be a good fit for Fly Studio's executive team.

"We're looking for someone with energy and passion, willingness to learn, lots of enthusiasm, and definitely a people person," says Marlene Sammy.

Sammy, the new co-owner and instructor at Fly Studio, is describing their competition to find "Canada's most passionate yogi" to share the business with.

"Someone who loves and knows yoga already would be ideal but someone from the wellness world who's open to learning and exploring is definitely welcome; just someone who can really be present."

Just one year ago, the 30-year-old entrepreneur along with two business partners opened up Branch Yoga & Wellness, recently named Etobicoke's top studio by BlogTO.

Sammy had been a fan of Queen Street West's Fly Studio, and before embarking on plans in California, the owners offered the business to the Branch team, who took it over in early August.

Fly focuses on aerial and suspended-bar yoga, as well as reformer Pilates.

"Just over a year ago I had no idea I'd own a studio, and now I own two successful ones," Sammy said.

The workload prompted the innovative search for a partner, who must purchase a special 10-class pass ($200) to apply. Sammy believes it's the best way to get to know candidates.

"The community at Branch has been phenomenal," she explains, "and we wanted to find that here, too."

The winner will be given up to 49 per cent of Fly Studio, no investment required. And the job description?

"It would depend on the strengths of the person that we're bringing on," says Sammy.

Fly Studio will be holding an open house on Sept. 25 and the competition closes Oct. 31, 2015.

For more information, visit flyqueenwest.com.

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Harper pushes re-set button

ELECTION ANALYSIS

PM looks beyond inner circle for help with campaign

A rattled Stephen Harper convened a quiet and private dinner this week at friend's home in Toronto in a bid to re-set a troubled Conservative campaign, Torstar News Service has learned.

Harper — who is "his own gut-check" as one insider puts it — reached out beyond his own trusted circle "inside the bubble" of the senior campaign ranks to people on the outside, a small knot of individuals who examined where Harper was, and where he was going.

Down fast, according to some polls.

It was a casual, relaxing meal, a key turning point, sources say. A chance for Harper to huddle with some pals and focus on what had to be done.

Headlines this week played up the exit of campaign manager Jenni Byrne, who spent two weeks on the campaign plane during the Duffy trial, and her return to Ottawa party headquarters.

On Thursday, more headlines: a report that Australian polling consultant Lynton Crosby was parachuting in to pull the rip-cords on a campaign in free-fall.

Dubbed the Wizard of Oz, the "arrival" of the brash, tough-talking hard-nosed strategist who has worked on Boris Johnson's London mayoral bid and U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's campaign team, appeared to breathlessly confirm the narrative that Harper's senior campaign team needed adult supervision or, worse, rescue.

But several senior Conservatives denied, on and off the record, that it was the case.

Campaign spokesman Kory Teneycke downplayed Crosby's role, saying "he is not here," that Crosby had a longstanding involvement with the party in past years, and with the 2015 campaign team since last March. In fact, he goes back to the day when Doug Finley was running the Conservatives' campaigns. Finley died in 2013 — a loss still felt in some Conservative circles.

It appears Crosby has been involved in testing responses to campaign messaging but is not, as was reported, re-framing key messages or designing ads for a sinking ship.

And though it had been a terrible week, sources inside and outside the campaign say, the dissension in the ranks had largely settled, though irritants — like the leak about Crosby's role — infuriated still.

Nevertheless, by Thursday, Harper, who'd been visibly irritated at questions about his campaign team, put paid to any suggestion they'd lost his confidence.

Asked about the performance of campaign manager Jenni Byrne on Thursday Harper refused to comment, saying he won't discuss "questions of staffing."

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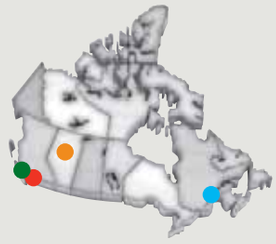
WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Victoriaville, Que.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in North Vancouver and Burnaby, B.C.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Edmonton.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Parksville, B.C.

Stephen Harper and wife Laureen pose for a photo with a young girl dressed as Anne of Green Gables as they depart Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Thursday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ASYLUM

Father pins blame on Canada

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The father of a three-year-old Syrian boy whose body washed up on a Turkish beach has told a German newspaper that he blames Canadian authorities for the tragedy that also killed his wife and another son.

Abdullah Kurdi told Die Welt that he does not understand why Canada rejected his application for asylum.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, however, says it received no refugee application from Kurdi, and Tima Kurdi, his sister in Coquitlam, B.C., says she hasn't made one.

CIC did, however, receive an application for Kurdi's brother, Mohammed, but said it was incomplete and did not meet regulatory requirements for proof of refugee status recognition. Tima Kurdi has said that although there was no official application made for Abdullah's asylum, his plight was brought to the attention of Immigration Minister Chris Alexander when her local NDP MP handed over a letter to him in the House of Commons earlier this year.

The Kurdi boys and their mother were among at least 12 migrants, including five children, who drowned Sept. 2 when two boats carrying them to the Greek island of Kos capsized. "Yes, the authorities in Canada, which rejected my application for asylum, even though there were five families who were willing to support us financially," Abdullah Kurdi replied when asked by Die Welt at whom he levelled blame for the tragedy.

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SPORTS BETTING

Canada missing out: Experts

As the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots kick off the NFL regular season Thursday, many Canadians will be cracking open their wallets for another season of picking a winner.

Yet experts say casinos and governments are missing out on a revenue jackpot as Canadians increasingly turn to websites outside Canadian jurisdictions that offer more chances to reap big rewards — or perhaps lose their shirts.

The Criminal Code places strict constraints on those who offer sports betting in Canada, including a rule banning bets on the outcome of a single game.

$4 billion

Canadians spend around $4 billion a year on online sports betting, compared with $500 million on the official sports lottery products offered by the provinces.

Those who want to put some cash behind Tom Brady's return to the field through provincial gambling services have to bet on at least one other game, increasing the odds against winning.

Yet there is no prohibition on Canadian punters putting money down through online bookmakers such as Bet365 that can offer bets on single games.

Instead of flowing into government coffers via taxes and revenue-sharing, that revenue simply leaves the country.

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NURSING

‘Vaccinate or mask’ policy struck down

The Ontario Nurses Association says hospitals will no longer be allowed to shame health-care workers into getting a flu shot following an arbitrator’s ruling striking down a “vaccinate or mask” policy.

About 30 Ontario hospitals implemented the policy, which forces nurses and other hospital workers to wear an unfitted surgical mask for the entire flu season if they do not get the influenza vaccine, ONA president Linda Haslam-Stroud said Thursday.

The test case was against the Sault Area Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, which tried to use the policy to boost their staff immunization rates, added Haslam-Stroud.

“They were basically coercing and shaming nurses into getting the influenza vaccine if they individually chose not to take it,” she said. “They made them all wear masks, and they had little stickers on their name tag that everyone knew meant ‘I don’t have my vaccine.’”

“Essentially they are outing you.”
Dr. Michael Gardam

The policy made private medical information public because everyone could tell who had been vaccinated and who had not, said Dr. Michael Gardam, director of infection prevention and control at the University Health Network and Women’s College Hospital in Toronto.

“Essentially they are outing you, because your personal health information — whether you get vaccinated or not — is now public knowledge because you’re forced to wear a mask,” said Gardam. “People know who you are.”

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Extreme allergies up

HEALTH

Hospital visits for anaphylaxis double from seven years ago

A new report suggests the number of Canadians who visited hospital emergency rooms for anaphylaxis doubled in the last seven years.

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is potentially fatal without quick treatment.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) says the number of ER visits for anaphylaxis rose to almost 6,500 in 2013-14, up from about 3,100 in 2006-07, with the biggest jump among teens aged 13 to 17.

The report also says that during that period, the dispensing rate for prescription epinephrine auto-injectors rose by 64 per cent.

Children age four and younger had the highest annual rate of ER visits for allergic reactions, primarily related to food or from unspecified sources.

Visits for anaphylaxis and other allergic reactions were highest in the summer months, with food-related allergies also spiking in December.

“Our data indicates that hospital visits for allergic reactions increase during times of the year when people may not be in their regular routines,” said Kathleen Morris, CIHI’s vice-president of research and analysis.

“Visits for insect stings and snake bites spike in the summer months, and food-related reactions are slightly higher during the winter holiday season when many Canadians attend holiday parties.”

6,500
The number of emergency room visits to treat anaphylaxis in 2013-14, up from 3,100 in 2006-07

About one per cent of all ER visits each year are attributed to allergic reactions.

In 2013—14, this represented more than 85,000 visits in Ontario and Alberta alone. CIHI extrapolated these numbers to all of Canada and determined there were approximately 170,000 allergy-related hospital visits in 2013—2014. Anaphylaxis was the reason behind about eight per cent of all visits for allergic reactions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rethinking electives

Forget making ashtrays in shop class — these days, high school students can choose from an array of unique electives, whether they're learning how to build an igloo, produce their own film, construct flying machines with the help of 3D printers, or critically analyze the implications of genocide. It's enough to make anyone want to go back to school.

Deena Douara
Metro | Toronto

There may have been a time when the most radical thing you did in school was dissect a frog. Today's students, though, are exposed to electives enticing enough to consider going back to school for. Across the country, teachers are striving to create unique experiences for their students. The following is a sampling of what some high school students will be signing up for this year.

Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity — Toronto District School Board

Rather than simply teaching past horrors that we've supposedly risen above and evolved from, teacher Raneem Azzam for three years challenged her students at Avondale Secondary Alternative to examine whether they may be complicit in modern injustices in a course being offered in select schools across the TDSB this year. Through analysis of colonialism, racism, dehumanization and ultimately, genocide, her students are equipped to critically analyze the present.

"It's important for students to have a chance to look at history from a social-justice lens as opposed to seeing it through militaristic or nationalistic perspectives," says Azzam, who is not teaching the course this year. After looking at identity formation, discrimination, and the roles of bystanders, rescuers, and opportunists, the course culminates with students selecting a case study and formulating their own thesis about how and why genocide took place and the implications for future generations.

"It can be overwhelming or disheartening at times, but I think … can make students hopeful instead of fatalistic because when you understand how individuals and societies can participate in such atrocities, you have a better sense of how to prevent and stop them."

Igloo Building, Kayak Making, Introduction to Archeology — Netsilik Ilihakvik School, Taloyoak, Nunavut

While many of us have only seen igloos depicted in picture books, Inuit people need a better understanding. Knowing how to make one is a life-saving skill, explains principal Gina Pizzo. "People get lost and stranded every year," she says.

Ian Aklah, a student at Netsilik Ilihakvik School in Taloyoak, Nunavut, stands on an igloo he helped build. CONTRIBUTED

> **It's important for students to have a chance to look at history from a social-justice lens.**
> Raneem Azzam, teacher

At Netsilik Ilihakvik School, elders teach students to test snow for strength, evaluate depth, measure, cut and stack blocks at the appropriate angles, create a sleeping platform and fill gaps.

Students even go out in January, when temperatures can reach -40 C.

Igloo-making is just one of three lessons under the cultural-studies elective. Students also become archaeologists, exploring the land for artifacts after the community has moved on, such as ancient fox traps, tent rings, caches used to preserve meats, and rock structures used to hide hunters from caribou. Finally, Pizzo says students learn the nearly lost art of kayak-making.

"The cultural knowledge and language is part of who the people are," she says. "It's important to preserve that knowledge, and from time to time that knowledge of being on the land … comes in pretty handy."

Gaelic — Citadel High School, Halifax School District, Nova Scotia

Gaelic culture is an important part of the history of Nova Scotia, but as recently as 10 years ago, the culture appeared to be at risk, Gaelic program co-ordinator Melissa Shaw says.

"But the momentum is strong right now." She says due to "phenomenal" interest, her school offers both Gaelic history and language courses.

Shaw explains that Gaels were told their language was backwards and were widely discouraged to teach it to their children to instead focus on English. As a result, an entire generation has little or no knowledge of the language, while the next generation attempts to reclaim it. "It's time," says Shaw.

Many of the students enrol because it's important to them on a personal level.

Alysha Danielle Mogensen, 17, is enrolled for her third year of Gaelic and plans to continue after graduating. "It became really important to me as I started taking it and got to know the community," she says. "It's a very cool culture and language and it's been dying out more and more. I think it's important we keep it going."

Mogensen and her peers learn through songs and stories while also learning about Gaelic music, drama and technology. The learnings culminate in a final fèis, or festival, where the entire community is invited to partake in fiddle, step dance, highland dance, storytelling and language workshops.

The Delta Film Acting Academy and Production Academy — Delta School District, B.C.

Secondary students across Delta School District get the opportunity to study acting and film production in an intensive, practical way with the aim of helping them launch careers in the industry.

In the production stream, aspiring film, television and documentary makers actually produce a movie, starting with a concept and concluding with a gala screening.

"There's an overwhelming sense of pride that they could take an idea and work together … to take it all the way to the end," says Paige Hansen, co-founder and district vice-principal of academy programs. "I think it's extremely empowering for young people to go 'Wow, look at what I just did and look what I can do.' And it's something they walk away with, forever."

Delta Film Academy students shoot a scene. CONTRIBUTED

"My favourite is probably writing and directing," says Kama Sood, who has visited his actor father on sets. "When I joined the Academy is when I really realized I do want to work in the film industry."

Throughout the year, students learn from film professionals like storyboard artists, visual effects artists, directors, agents and actors, while also attending sets, industry events and career expos. Delta is ideally situated, Hansen explains, due to its high volume of film production.

Intro to Engineering — W.P. Wagner, Edmonton Public Schools, Alberta

Things that buzz are left to go on their merry way in Victor Wong's classroom. That's because there's a good chance the thing is a student-made nano-quadcopter (more commonly referred to as drones).

In W.P. Wagner's inaugural Intro to Engineering last year, Wong helped Grade 10 students use gadgets, tools and technology toward the production of functional products.

He says the experiential pass-fail course is unique in how it integrates engineering concepts with chemistry, physics and biochemistry. Students work in the computer lab, lab room and a workshop equipped with a 3D printer.

> **We're really pushing the idea of students as makers and tinkerers who are driving their own learning.**
> Shauna Cornwell, teacher

"The best part is getting out of the classroom and into the shop where we could really use our own ideas and put them to the test," says Tomas Spasiuk, who took the course last year. "It was fully hands-on and at the end you always had something substantial."

Vice-principal Martin Fechner, who helped develop the course, explains that post-secondary institutions were complaining that students "can't collaborate, they can't think on their own, and can't be creative."

He says the course pushes students to work together to problem-solve, independent of the teacher. "You have the resources, you figure it out," says Fechner of their approach. Wong adds that the experience of "constructive failure" is transformational for some students accustomed to constant success.

STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math education) — Winnipeg School Division

Some lucky students in Winnipeg will walk into a beanbag-chair and standing-desk classroom with iPads, SMART boards, Lego robotics, a green screen, recording devices and studio lights at their disposal.

"We're really pushing the idea of students as makers and tinkerers who are driving their own learning," explains Shauna Cornwell, WSP enrichment and innovation consultant.

The STEAM enrichment program, launched last year, takes select students in grades 4 to 6 from across the division to an off-site classroom-lab to pursue self-generated inquiry projects while also coming together for "instant challenges" and smaller projects, like creating Rube Goldberg machines, weekly news broadcasts and stop-motion films.

"They have to use design thinking to solve problems and answer questions," says Cornwell, adding that the emphasis is on critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.

IN BRIEF

Numbers into Greece double in four days

The International Organization for Migration says its estimate of the number of Syrians who have arrived in Greece this year has nearly doubled in just the last four days to more than 175,000 people.

The agency attributes the jump to an accelerated influx of Syrians in recent days and a lag by overwhelmed Greek authorities in determining the nationalities of those arriving.

The agency said that a total of 175,375 Syrians have reached Greece this year. Overall, it estimates that 432,761 migrants have crossed the Mediterranean this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Europe to blame for crisis, Syrian minister argues

Syria's information minister on Thursday said Europe should bear full responsibility for the flood of Syrian refugees streaming into the continent because of its past policies in backing those fighting to overthrow the government in Damascus.

The minister, Omran al-Zoubi, said the migrants are mostly fleeing areas held by rivals of President Bashar Assad's government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. planning to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees

The United States is making plans to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees in the coming budget year, a significant increase from the 1,500 migrants that have been cleared to resettle in the U.S. since civil war broke out in the Middle Eastern country more than four years ago, the White House said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants go online before going on road

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Political Fallout

Displaced use Internet, phone apps to plan journey

Refugees check their mobile aboard a ferry travelling from the northeastern Greek island of Lesbos to the port of Piraeus on Thursday. SANTI PALACIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 26-year-old Syrian economics graduate knew exactly what to do and where to go.

Amr Zaidah, with the aid of GPS, helped pilot the inflatable boat that brought him and about 30 more migrants to the closest spot to the village of Molivos on Lesbos, one of several Greek islands that have this summer served the tens of thousands of migrants as a first stop on the journey to western Europe.

Molivos, he knew, was where buses were taking migrants to the capital of Lesbos, Mytilene, some 50 kilometres to the south. The alternative would be a punishing trek on narrow dirt tracks hugging the coast and lined by olive trees, a stretch of highway and a narrow road that cuts through rolling hills.

At Mytilene, Zaidah also knew, he and the eight friends he came with could seek the official document that allows them to continue their journey.

"I have researched our journey for more than two months," said Zaidah, a native of the Syrian city of Aleppo who has worked the past two years as an accountant in Istanbul.

"I used social media networks to look into where to go, who is the best smuggler to hire and what stuff we needed for the trip," he said as he had chocolate cake and coffee at a posh seafront cafe, his sneakers still wet from the landing.

"I familiarized myself with weather forecasts, wind patterns and how to avoid being conned out of our money by smugglers."

Zaidah is one of the thousands of mostly young Syrians and Iraqis who have been taking advantage of social media networks and smartphone apps to guide their journey across the sea from Turkey and onward to Western Europe.

On one Facebook group, for example, Syrians and others who already made the trip across the Aegean Sea share the names and telephone numbers of good smugglers in Turkey, warn of pitfalls and give other advice.

Called "al-Mushantateen," a play on the Arabic words for "suitcase" and "diaspora," the group includes posts by volunteers.

> **I have researched our journey for more than two months.**
> Amr Zaidah, 26

Zaidah and his group already know which border points they will cross, hotels they can stay in and stores where they can get clothes more suitable for the fall weather.

While Zaidah and his friends headed straight to Molivos for the free bus rides, many others set off on the journey to Mytilene on foot under the merciless summer heat.

The social media-savvy among the migrants are constantly on their phones. They line up outside the offices of mobile providers at Mytilene and buy Greek numbers that allow data and roaming elsewhere in Europe so they can connect to the Facebook and WhatsApp apps they use to communicate with others.

During the sea journey, which can take up to two hours in good weather, they keep their phones in plastic bags to keep them dry. Landing in Lesbos, chanting, "Thanks be to God," the first thing they do is fish their phones out, joyously hug and take group selfies on the shore. Then with the Turkish signal still strong here, they call loved ones back in Turkey, Syria or Iraq, shouting, "We arrived in Greece!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

Russia sending troops

Russia has been sending military forces into Syria in recent days, Israel's defence chief announced Thursday, as Moscow hinted at broader action to bolster President Bashar Assad's embattled army following a string of battlefield losses.

The increased Russian activity in Syria reflects Moscow's concerns that its longtime ally is on the brink of collapse, as well as hopes by President Vladimir Putin that a common battle against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant extremists can improve Russia's ties with the West, strained over Ukraine.

But the strategy could be risky — and unless Russia sends large numbers of troops, halting the territorial gains made by Islamic militants could prove tough.

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon told reporters Thursday that the Russian buildup appears to be limited for the time being. He said military advisers, technicians and security guards have arrived in recent days, with the main goal of setting up an air base near the coastal town of Latakia that could be used to stage strikes on Islamic State fighters.

"As far as we understand, at this stage we are talking about a limited force that includes advisers, a security team and preparations for operating planes and combat helicopters,"

The claim was the latest indication of a Russian military buildup in Syria that has raised U.S. and NATO concerns.

The United States and its allies see Assad as the cause of the Syrian crisis, which has claimed more than 250,000 lives in over four years of fighting, and Washington has warned Moscow against beefing up its presence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ancient member of human family tree discovered

Jagged rocks hooked into Steven Tucker's overalls as he squeezed through a crack deep in a subterranean cave. Upon emerging at the other end, he saw he was in a chamber dripping with stalactites. Then his headlamp shone onto a bone. Then more bones, and half of a skull.

It was the night of Sept. 13, 2013, and Tucker and his caving partner had just discovered the remains of what scientists would later determine to be a new member of the human family tree. The announcement of the discovery was made by scientists on Thursday, with Tucker looking on.

Tucker was only trying to get out of fellow caver Rick Hunter's way, inching to the side, on a different intended route when he stepped into the crack in the network of caves known as Rising Star. He'd heard of the crack before, but despite having been down this cave more than 20 times before, he had never noticed it, nor known of any other caver who had ventured down it.

He shone his headlamp down the dark crevice, and couldn't see where it ended. He knew of at least one other caver who also stared down the crack, and decided it was too dangerous. He began to lower himself, feet-first, into the narrow vertical opening.

"It's exciting to find something new," Tucker, now 27, said on Thursday, trying to explain why he took the risk.

Tucker, just wiry enough to fit, followed the crack deeper into the earth for nearly 12 metres.

"It's 18 centimetres wide, with these jagged rocks, sticking into you from all sides. And suddenly at the bottom, it opens up into a large chamber with really stunning stalactites hanging from the ceiling," Tucker said, hunching his shoulders and jutting his elbows out as he re-enacted the descent.

A reconstruction of Homo naledi's face. MARK THIESSEN/ NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

The 50,000-hectare area of hilly grasslands where the two were spelunking is recognized as the Cradle of Humankind, featuring a network of caves that has yielded nearly 40 per cent of known hominid fossils, according to the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. But the bones in this particular chamber had apparently remained undiscovered until Tucker entered it.

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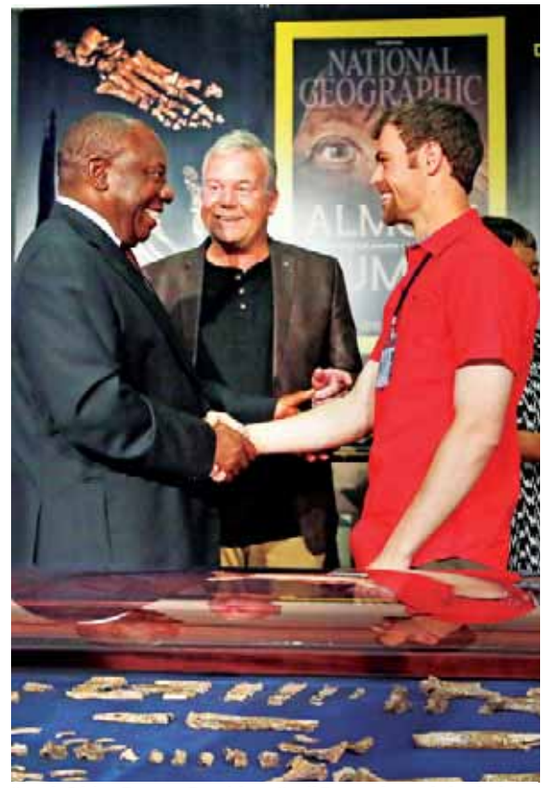

South Africa Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, left, shakes hands with Steven Tucker at the Maropeng Cradle of Humankind in Magaliesburg, South Africa, Thursday.

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THE FIND

The discovery of an almost complete mandible told cavers Steven Tucker and Rick Hunter that they had found something almost human.

"You could see half of a skull sticking out of the floor," Tucker said. "Of course, at that time we had no idea what we had found."

A week later they made their way through the cave again, and photographed their find. They sent the photos to geologist Pedro Boshoff, who alerted paleontologist Lee Berger, who went onto become the lead paleontologist on the discovery of Homo naledi. It was only when the cavers saw Berger's excitement that they realized just how big their discovery was.

At the news conference announcing the discovery of Homo naledi, a potential new member of the human family tree, Tucker was joined by other cavers who volunteered on the excavation for nearly two years. Berger called them "underground astronauts."

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Creating bold new worlds

VIDEO GAMES

Super Mario Maker lets fans design, share their own levels

Of all the obstacles Super Mario has faced in three decades as a video-game superstar, perhaps the biggest has been challenging level design.

The famous plumber has rocketed through the clouds, faced the dangers of the deep and traversed fiery caves in his ceaseless quests to rescue Princess Peach from the clutches of the bellicose Bowser.

Now gamers themselves can see how they stack up with Nintendo's developers with Super Mario Maker, out Friday for the Wii U to coincide with Super Mario's 30th anniversary.

The game's toolbox has plenty to get new players started as they construct their levels. Players can easily choose where to put enemies, power-ups and traps. More elements become available over time.

No matter when you got into Super Mario's adventures, there will be something here to suit your tastes. You can make levels based on the aesthetic of the 1985 original or plot a course with the polished HD visuals of the Wii U's New Super Mario Bros.

One of the coolest features is the ability to change that aesthetic on the fly, so you can start out plotting a level using the classic 16-bit look of Super Mario World and then change instantly to see how your level would look in an 8-bit or modern game.

Players get a sneak peek during E3, an annual gaming convention, in June. Nintendo's newest title was released Friday for its Wii U console to coincide with the title character's 30-year anniversary. Inset: a level created using the software's tool box.

FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES; INSET: NINTENDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Super Mario Maker saves gamers from too much complexity. There is no need to worry about scripting enemy behaviour — just plop a Koopa Troopa on the screen and watch him go.

You will want your levels to be as polished as possible, of course, before submitting them to a jury of your peers. The game's "course world" lets players share their courses online, as well as play and rate levels designed by others.

So long as there are creators making levels, the replay value of Super Mario Maker is very high. One of the early trial levels on offer had Mario running a deadly gauntlet of cannon fire in order to reach his goal with no margin for error. It made the toughest of Super Mario's previous adventures look like Candy Crush.

The game retails on Nintendo's eShop for $69.99, which some may argue is high for what is essentially a level editor, even if it's a very good one.

But series fans who have always wanted to put Mario through twisted trials of their own should get their money's worth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Weakened loonie forces Dollarama to raise prices

Dollarama says the weaker Canadian dollar is forcing it to raise prices and could lead the discount retailer to increase its current price threshold from $3 to as much as $4 by late next year.

"The probability is in the third and fourth quarter of next year, we'll have to move our price points up," CEO Larry Rossy said Thursday during a conference call. "We like to maintain our prices as long as we can, but this is really an exceptional time where the Canadian dollar has gone so poorly against the U.S. dollar." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Users running the operating system are concerned about the access Microsoft has to their data and browsing history. RAINER JENSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft criticized over Windows 10 privacy

Microsoft's new Windows 10 operating system has been praised for improving upon the flaws of its predecessor, but the company is facing widespread criticism for what some are calling invasive data collection.

Under its default privacy settings, Windows 10 tracks the way users type, what applications they use, their browsing history and other personal data.

Windows 10 also sends a weekly "activity update" on children's web browsing and computer history to their parents. Some parents have publicly described receiving those emails from Microsoft as "creepy."

Users have to actively turn off the features to stop the tracking.

Microsoft did not respond to a request for comment but the company has said it uses the information to improve its services, and insists the information is anonymized.

Some experts argue that personal information is the new currency of the digital age, and the track-everything default settings of Microsoft's latest operating system are the new normal for digital privacy.

> **We pay with our data, we pay with our personal information.**
> Carmi Levy, tech analyst

The company is hardly alone in using personal data to track its users, technology analyst Carmi Levy points out.

"Most people see a free service like Facebook or Twitter and they assume that it has absolutely no strings attached," he said.

Microsoft is offering Windows 10 as a no-cost upgrade for many of its users, yet Levy says there's no such thing as a free launch.

"We pay with our data, we pay with our personal information," he said, adding most tracking is benign and can improve the user experience by remembering individualized settings or passwords.

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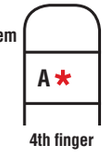

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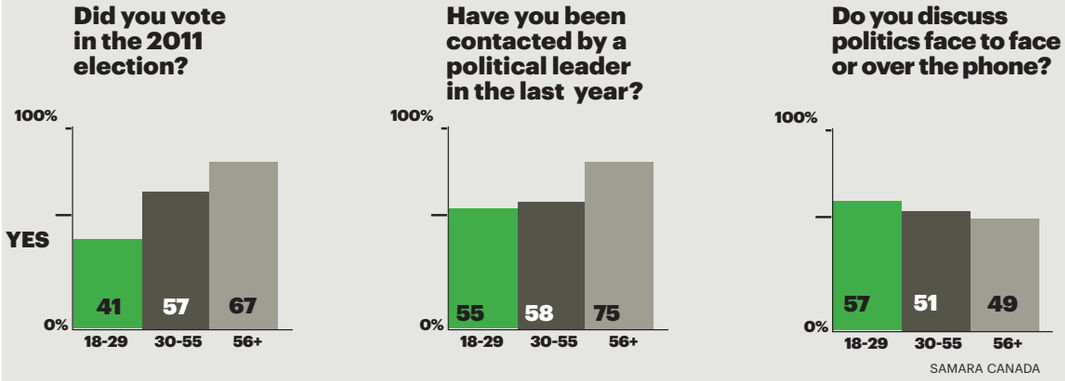
metro's election explainer

Why don't young people vote?

For years, we've been hearing about **apathetic**, **disengaged** youth who don't bother to vote. But new evidence suggests we shouldn't use those two descriptors interchangeably: Though people under 30 vote at much lower rates, they're more likely than older adults to participate in political activities such as attending public meetings, signing petitions or protesting for a cause. All of these are arguably more work than getting to the ballot box. So what gives? Politicians and campaign volunteers, says the non-profit Samara Canada, aren't getting in touch with young people, in part because traditional methods — mailed pamphlets and landline calls — don't work well for cellphone-using serial subletters. But if the parties don't believe young people want to talk politics, they're likely less motivated to try. And they're missing out: According to Statistics Canada, youth turnout increases by an average of 15 percentage points among those who were contacted by campaigners.



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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON THE EVIL MAGIC OF MIRRORS

Sometimes I look at myself and see an OK-looking youngish woman; sometimes I see a bag of garbage.

You know that drawing they show you at school that's either an old lady or a young woman, depending on how you look at it? I'm sad to report that I am that drawing.

Sometimes I look at myself and see an OK-looking youngish woman; sometimes I see a bag of garbage who clearly needs a nap.

My confusion is not emotional; it's technical. It has little to do with self-esteem and everything to do with what mirror I'm looking in. It's amazing how a mirror can make or break my day.

I was shopping for clothes the other day at a store whose name rhymes with The Pap (I chose "Pap" because my experience there was barely more enjoyable than undergoing a medical exam that rhymes with tap fear). As I got undressed in the change room, I became startled when I saw that a haggard woman with cellulite on her face was also getting undressed in the change room. I was about to call security ("Have this beast removed!") when I realized that woman was me.

How could this be? I'd left my house a fresh-faced, dewy-lipped vixen and wound up a meth-head with under-eye bags packed for a camping trip. This was a case of good lighting versus bad lighting. At home I've rigged it so that I have light coming from both sides of my mirror; meanwhile, fitting rooms at The Pap employ the diffuse overhead lighting of a hospital cafeteria.

Needless to say, I didn't buy anything. It's amazing to me that a major chain store hasn't done everything it can to show you your best self while wearing its garments. It's hard to feel good in a blouse when it looks like you're coming down with the plague.

On the flip side, there's a less-than-great bar I used to suggest to prospective dates because the bathroom lighting made me look I'd just gotten back from a sunny vacation and finished a cleanse. As bad as bad lighting can be, good lighting can erase wrinkles, zits and bags, acting like Wite-Out for the skin.

Here's the question I struggle with: Which mirror should I believe? If I'm to believe the windows on the subway, or most elevator mirrors, then I'd might as well stop going out in public. It's too bad we don't have a more consistent representation of our appearances.

I imagine I lie somewhere between the meth-head and the tanned, wrinkle-free woman. And I guess I can live with that, because I don't have much choice.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Unless I'm leaning into your neck, the best scent is no scent

My mum doesn't often wear perfume, but when she does, it is Fendi.

The smell — more spicy than sweet — conjures floral silk scarves and dark pews of a church.

I'd forgotten that until yesterday, when a colleague piped up in a conversation on the uselessness of cologne. "I like having a signature scent," she said, contrarily.

And mum came to mind.

A signature scent, my colleague went on, is not about just anyone smelling you. The era of boutique fragrances with names like Victory Wolf and Realism is about a unique scent that's intended only for you, or someone entering your personal space. These aren't the CK One high-school-dance days.

I'd been saying that cologne should be banned. Or that no one should want to wear it. It's like the thick and unappetizing icing on supermarket cakes that everyone avoids.

If, as happened recently, I have to move seats in a café because a man with an overbearing stench has sat down next to me, he might as well have terrible body odour. The positive outcome he's looking for (to smell enticing) ends up being a severe negative (he smells horrible). I have to move, and he comes off smelling desperate. Olfactory sleaze. What's the point of wearing the stuff, when it is, to quote another colleague, a social net negative?

Unless I'm leaning into your neck, the best scent is no scent at all.

And while I've been known to like lavender oil, I still think, in that personal space, all perfumes and colognes pale compared to a person's natural smell. It's always been one of the sexiest things about any man I've dated. I even prefer the tang of sweat. The smell of a body brings up the image of the body, and what could be more enticing?

I've even used cologne to separate the men I'd be happy to date from those I would avoid. And I don't wear any scent.

In words often attributed to Coco Chanel, we hear, "A woman who doesn't wear perfume has no future."

As badly as that may bode for me, the opposite is true for a man who wears too much. Smell is about memory. It's about desires and associations — all of which can be good or bad. My colleague even changes her perfumes from time to time and can't go back to the old ones, entwined as they are with the places she used to live, the person she used to be.

I may have no future, but the anxiously over-perfumed man has no date.

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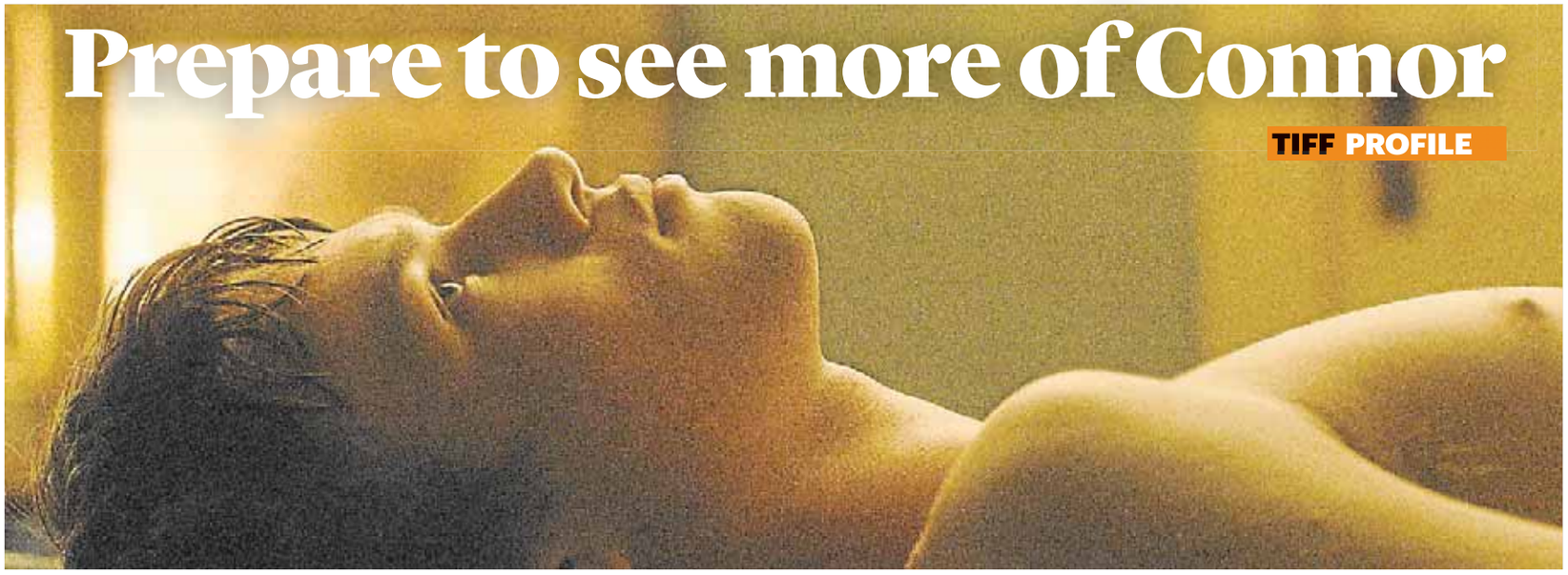

TIFF PROFILE

CONNOR JESSUP

Local boy falls into film world from two sides

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Toronto

Toronto native Connor Jessup has been a little busy. While his TNT television series, Falling Skies, wrapped up its fifth and final season earlier this summer, Jessup has been focusing on the film world — both in front of and behind the camera. He comes to TIFF this year with a double agenda: as the star of Stephen Dunn's coming-of-age drama Closet Monster and the director of his own short, Boy.

You're coming to TIFF with multiple entries to talk about. How does that feel?
It's really exciting. I've been to TIFF with a couple movies before, and I've been coming to TIFF as an audience member since I was a little kid. I've been to other film festivals, but still the ideal image of a film festival in my head is TIFF. It's still the one that matters the most to me, and it's done wonderful things for me. TIFF's been really, really nice to me. And I'm coming back with two different movies that I care about in two different ways but both very deeply. And it's my first time as a director at the festival — and I hope not my last.

It must be nice to have it as your hometown festival, too.
I don't know how much more I can say about TIFF without getting into what seems like hyperbole, but a lot of my favourite screening experiences — obviously of things I've been in but also of things I haven't been in, as a viewer — were at the festival. Just the atmosphere and the tone that overtakes the city in those two weeks is unique and extremely invigorating.

How did the experience of shooting Boy differ from your last short?
Pretty radically, for a lot of reasons. This one was more fun. Working with kids was awesome. I started as a child actor, and I sort of think I have a little understanding of what that's like — what it's like to be a kid and be on a set. So it was fun for me. I can't speak for the kids, but it was fun for me. We had a great crew this time, and that's nice. I'm proud of how the movie looks, the work that everyone did.

What was your attraction to Closet Monster as a project?
I think I was in Hong Kong or something, and this script got sent to me. When you get sent something, 95 per cent of the time it's for an audition, and then that rare golden five per cent or less of the time it's an offer. And this was neither. There was no context given. It was just a script by this first-time, untested director, Stephen Dunn. To be brutally honest I totally forgot about it. I'm terrible on email. So they were waiting on pins and needles for two weeks while I, like an a—hole, trapezed around somewhere else. But I finally read it, obviously. In a way it's a very simple story and a very old story — the coming of age tale, a kid in a small town, difficulty with his family. But within that shell were these wonderful bursts of humour and imagination and really deep-felt emotion.

Connor Jessup
GETTY IMAGES

Considering your age and that you're acting and directing, do you worry about types of "English language Xavier Dolan" comparisons?
You know, it's interesting, when we were making Closet Monster in the aftermath of that, people were talking about Stephen — even people who were trying to promote the movie internally — and using language like that. There's something that catches the popular imagination about this image of a boy wonder or a prodigy. I think very, very few people fit that definition. Obviously what Xavier's done is extremely impressive. He probably does fit that definition, but I think very few other people do. I certainly don't. I have the advantage that I just happened to get started young. But I think it's a little too much pressure to put on people, you know? It's a hard question to answer. I'm not too worried, I'll say that. If anyone wants to go around and say that, I'm not going to stop them but I am going to raise an eyebrow and think they're a little nuts.

Well, you've got the humility aspect going for you, so there's that.
Um … thank you. (laughs) And trust me, I'm not. I have enough of a tendency toward narcissism that it doesn't have to be flamed, as my mother would be happy to tell you.

TRUE STORY

'There's a lot of power in truth,' says Freehold director

Julianne Moore and Ellen Page in Freeheld. CONTRIBUTED

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Screenwriter Ron Nyswaner (Philadelphia) has been watching closely as the push for marriage equality ramped up over the last five years, culminating in June's U.S. Supreme Court victory. He was interested because he'd been working on a feature adaptation of the documentary short Freeheld, chronicling the fight of cancer-stricken New Jersey detective Laurel Hester to have her pension awarded to her domestic partner. That film debuts at TIFF with Julianne Moore starring as Hester, and Nyswaner thinks now is a great time to stop and reflect on this turning point in the fight for gay marriage.

I'd imagine it's dizzying how much has changed in terms of marriage equality in America even since writing this.
I never thought I'd see in my lifetime that gay marriage would be the law of the land. I even think five years ago I thought it was maybe possible, but didn't think it would happen as quickly as it did. I think we were a little ahead of the curve, and I'm happy about that.

In that context, how is it to view this story? Suddenly it's very much a period piece.
Now we can look at their story as this significant moment in history, when they were just at the moment before the tide turned. And because of their struggle and courage, they were at the forefront.

As a screenwriter, what's the weight of responsibility when you're telling a story about real people's lives?
I think it has a great deal of influence for me. I do a lot of research-based writing. In this case, we're using real people's names, we're writing and making a movie about a recent piece of history, and I felt honour-bound to be as truthful as possible. Yet, we also have a responsibility as filmmakers to our audience. ... I actually believe truth is often more powerful than my imagination. (laughs) There's a lot of power in truth.

THE ASPIRING PAPARAZZO'S GUIDE TO TIFF '15

While the moving image reigns supreme at this annual festival, still photography comes in a close second. Shutterbugs from around the world flock to Hogtown to capture the A-listers in action. Professional setup or not, here's how anyone can achieve that perfect celebrity snap **LIZ BEDDALL** METRO

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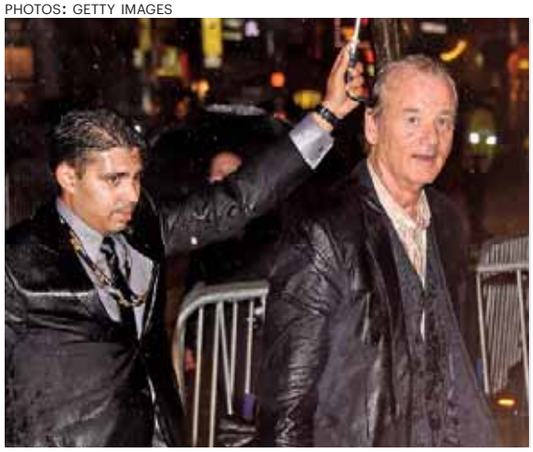

Social media is your friend

There has arguably never been a time in the last few decades where star-hunting has been as easy, thanks to our friends Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If your sights are set on a certain celebrity, simply popping their name into social media search engines will help you keep abreast of Johnny or Naomi's whereabouts, on a minute-to-minute basis. Just remember that if you do spot someone famous, pay it forward to your fellow fans and post about it too.

Right place, right time

Many of the celebs who travel to TIFF spend a few days hobnobbing around town before jetting away. Instead of lingering behind a sea of fans at premiere venues, shop with a sharp eye out at Holt Renfrew, sip a drink slyly at the Windsor Arms Hotel or Shangri-La, or take a casual yet calculated stroll through Yorkville or down Queen West between Spadina and Ossington. Within the first five days of the fest, you're likely to catch a candid photo of a celebrity in their natural state, without catching a fellow fan's elbow to the face.

I see Johnny, now what?

Celebrities are used to being barked at, tousled around and generally harassed by the public. While many photo and autograph seekers rely on aggressive tactics to secure their treasures, there is something to be said about keeping it calm and cordial with the A-listers. If you spot Ryan Reynolds sorting through sweaters at Roots, approach quietly, apologize for any disturbance and ask if he wouldn't mind a quick selfie. Remember that celebs need some downtime too, so drawing a crowd with wild gesturing and loud overtures of adoration will likely dampen their outing. Your cool, kind demeanour will be appreciated, and will likely result in both a great photo and a memorable story.

But I only have my phone ...

The quality of the images that can be captured on today's tiniest phone lenses is remarkable to say the least. So forget the idea of renting a hefty DSLR and make that little device your best friend. Set your phone camera on burst shot mode, and when you see that star, hold down that snap until your finger goes numb. One of your 1,293 images is bound to be a winner. And take note: The angle most appreciated by the famous is the on-high, with its cheekbone-highlighting, eye-popping, slimming effect. So if you snag a selfie with Sandra Bullock, hold that camera slightly above your faces pointing downward. Who knows, she might even ask you for a copy.

REMEMBERING 9/11

Dark moment in TIFF history

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Like millions of people I remember exactly what I was doing the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

When the first plane hit the World Trade Center I was walking down Bloor Street in Toronto, on my way to the InterContinental hotel to do a day of Toronto International Film Festival coverage.

I didn't register anything unusual in the air until I got to the hotel. People on the street may have been walking and talking a bit faster, acting a bit more animated than usual, but not so that I noticed.

Entering the hotel was a different story. The halls were eerily silent.

What was usually a cheery beehive of activity with camera crews, stressed publicists and actors roaming around was now quiet, still.

At 9 a.m. I walked into our makeshift interview suite on the third floor just as the second plane hit. My crew were sitting around the television. Sobs from the rooms next to ours broke the stunned silence.

What the hell was going on?

What was going on was a change in all our lives; a new era where the unthinkable became possible.

It was a confusing day. With no details we, like many others, pressed on with the business at hand.

David Lynch came and went, smoking American Spirits and chatting about his film Mulholland Drive.

A handful of others walked the halls, unsure of what else to do, keeping previously scheduled interview slots.

When I mentioned to New York actress Adrienne Shelly that I couldn't reach my girlfriend, who was living in Manhattan, she loaned me her cellphone.

"For some reason it seems to get through," she said.

In that moment art won over terror

It did, and after a quick call to make sure she was safe, the full impact of what had just happened sunk in. Sometimes the small stuff, the personal things — like the anxious voice at the other end of the line — help you understand the magnitude of a grim situation.

We cancelled the rest of the day but I stayed put, talking to my hotel neighbours, most of whom were Americans, many from New York.

There were hugs, tears and bafflement in equal measure. TIFF elected to cancel many of the day's events and tone down the glitz for the rest of the festival.

But the show would go on and in that moment art won over terror.

What we began to hear were stories from New York filmmakers who, with all flights cancelled to and from the city, were loading cans of film into their cars and driving to the festival.

It wasn't about vanity and it wasn't about ego.

It was about filmmakers, the storytellers of our times, the people who document our lives, not being silenced.

The rest of the festival was a sombre affair but there was a steeliness uncommon at the usually glitzy event. We gathered, watched films, communicated and healed, sending a message that the uncertainty of the times would not prevent us from expressing ourselves, from sharing stories.

Fourteen years later I think back to those days and realize that terror didn't win on 9/11.

As long as we don't allow ourselves to go silent, as long as we breathe life into our stories and experiences on film and elsewhere, we won't and can't live in fear.

TIFF Party insider

Shower of stars on its way

Jessica Allen
For Metro Canada

Wednesday night, the eve of TIFF, started out in an uncharacteristically un-TIFFhole-like way: I arrived early to the 10th annual Canadian Filmmakers' party at The Spoke Club, wandered up to the roof-top patio and, with the sun turning the sky brilliant shades of red, I talked with two complete strangers!

When we parted ways, I finished my white wine and left. As I descended the stairs, the way Joan Crawford might, I saw a crowd, at least 100-strong at the bottom behind a velvet rope being strictly controlled by a very large man, all chomping at the bit to get into the party I was leaving. Stink eyes were swung my way. No bother.

I got on my bike — my preferred mode of transportation during the festival — and went home because this TIFFhole needs her rest: Friday and Saturday nights will be raining so many celebrities — think Sandra Bullock, Drew Barrymore, Colin Farrell, Helen Mirren, Matt Damon — that I'm wearing a slicker and rain boots.

But first thing's first: attending Thursday night's Demolition post-gala party at Patria.

The hotly anticipated movie, being described as both hilarious and devastating, was selected as the festival's opening night film.

No wonder: It's directed by Canadian Jean-Marc Vallée (C.R.A.Z.Y., Dallas Buyers Club and The Young Victoria!) and stars Jake Gyllenhaal as a New York investment banker whose life unravels after a family tragedy. But an unlikely connection with a stranger (Naomi Watts), sees him rebuilding it.

Jessica Allen at TIFF. LAINEY LUI

I arrived during the calm before the storm. Before I could take a sip of the Grey Goose aptly named "Opening Scene" cocktail, in walks Chris Cooper (he plays Gyllenhaal's father-in-law.) By the time I'd downed half of it, Jake himself, in a fetching suit and burly beard, followed. I finished the pomegranate-laced drink, and in came Naomi. While they sat in reserved booths at the back of the restaurant, I lurked. I saw Naomi eat something, although I can't confirm what.

My heart tells me it's an impossibility but I'm holding out for one of Demolition's producer to arrive next. Five words: I'm coming for you, John Malkovich.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Tide can turn on new 'tude

Director Avi Lewis' climate change documentary This Changes Everything — based on Naomi Klein's bestselling book — is looking for a fairly radical adjustment in how we approach what's wrong with the environment and what's gotten us into this mess. But it's a change in perception Lewis is increasingly optimistic about, even if big business types probably aren't going to like what he has to say.

It seems to be a bit of an uphill battle, trying to change the way people approach climate change and the environment.

It's funny, we're such adaptable creatures, humans, and on some level denial is a useful and important human response to traumatic situations. But I think when we manage to snap it into focus, when we manage to come out of our casual, everyday denial — which, to be clear, we need to get through the day —we make ourselves look and go, "Holy smokes, this is for real." This is the new reality, and we need to start grappling with it.

Aside from rampant capitalism, the largest obstacles seem to be apathy or futility.

When people make the connection between the carbon in the air and the economic system that put it there, when we start seeing the economic roots and the economic responses to the climate crisis, it all of a sudden means we can address the economic crisis and the climate crisis at the same time. People feel the intense inequality of our society like never before, and when we see that addressing inequality and addressing racism and all kinds of different injustices is the key to dealing with this bigger crisis — the scary one that we can't even look at, the climate crisis — it's actually very hopeful.

So what is your ideal hope for this film?

Naomi and I feel that we're not telling people the way it is, we're echoing what we're hearing from people on the front lines. ...When you do a film called This Changes Everything, you can't be modest in your hopes. So yeah, we're going for it.

NED EHRBAR/METRO IN TORONTO

Meet the fixer on celeb demand

SERVICE

Stars can't live without this Ritz-Carlton employee

Ryan Porter
For Metro Canada

During the five years Willis McCutcheon spent working in the front office at the Ritz-Carlton, the upbeat young hospitality wizard fetched everything for his guests from frankincense and myrrh to a pair of mated doves (complete with a Ritz-worthy birdcage).

But after the 32-year-old relocated to the Ritz-Carlton Reserve luxury resort in Puerto Rico last Christmas, he received the ultimate ask: an actress, who will be here for a week during the festival, requested that he return to Toronto for TIFF.

"Oddly, I feel like an amenity," he jokes.

It's a testament to McCutcheon's reputation as the ultimate Festival Fixer. He comes armed with bow ties, suspenders and a pocketful of cufflinks in preparation for last-minute wardrobe malfunctions. He stores a box of high heels in the back office, typically Jimmy Choos or Manolo Blahniks in black or nude, just in case.

With a hidden box of heels and suspenders to spare, the Ritz-Carlton's Willis McCutcheon is an indispensable player in the local festival circuit. CONTRIBUTED

He recalls when housekeeping attempted to iron an actress's Gucci velvet pants two hours before a premiere.

"Sidebar, you can't actually iron Gucci velvet pants," he says.

The pants were ruined, but, miraculously, the Gucci store on Bloor Street had the exact size and style in stock.

"What she doesn't know is they actually re-hemmed these new pants based on the measurements," he says. "The few of us that knew about it were looking at the photos of her on the red carpet and saying, 'Oh my God, can you tell?'"

That was just one of many TIFF moments during which McCutcheon was "dying inside."

"I'd say from the minute (the celebrities) start landing, that sick-to-your-stomach, anxious, you're-running-on-adrenaline (feeling starts)," he says.

"I think it's always staying on top of every single person who is in the hotel, but also making them feel like they are the only one there. So when they are asking for the cufflinks, it's not the 35th pair of cufflinks you are giving out. It's the first. And you are delighted to do it."

HOTELS THAT WENT THE EXTRA MILE

The Four Seasons
Chief concierge Liloo Alim, who has been with the company for 37 years, has arranged for a sandbox to be set up in a suite for a celebrity's kids and a balcony to be covered in grass for a VIP (very important pooch).

The Four Seasons. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Windsor Arms. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Windsor Arms
The pet-friendly Windsor Arms does not discriminate by species. The hotel has delivered doggie dress-up clothes, such as a miniature leather jacket, to its canine clientele.

The Thompson
When a young Jaden and Willow Smith were staying at The Thompson with their famous father Will, the concierge had a few favourite children's books shipped overnight from Indigo at their request.
RYAN PORTER/FOR METRO

The Smiths GETTY IMAGES

5 OFF-KILTER BEST BETS FOR TIFF 15

Sure, there are plenty of big fall releases and obvious awards season contenders launching at TIFF this year — looking at you, The Martian and The Danish Girl — but one of the true joys of a film festival with this size and scope is the chance to find something truly unique and interesting. And this year, there are plenty, but here are five to get you started **NED EHRBAR** METRO IN TORONTO

1 London Road

Trust us, you've never seen anything like this. Adapted from the British stage production, London Road is a musical chronicling the lives of residents of a stretch of Ipswich street where a serial killer preyed on prostitutes in 2006. The film follows the hysteria, the manhunt, the trial and the efforts to get on with their lives — with every lyric and line of dialogue taken verbatim from interviews with the actual residents. And Tom Hardy shows up for a one-song cameo as a cab driver with delightfully reedy singing voice.

2 The Lobster

This should make you feel better about things not going so well on Tinder. In Yorgos Lanthimos' English language feature, single people in the near future have a prescribed 45-day window to find love and companionship with a suitable mate. If they don't, they're transformed into animals and banished from The City. Sounds harsh. Oh, and the cast includes Colin Farrell, Lea Seydoux, Ben Whishaw, Rachel Weisz and John C. Reilly.

3 Anomalisa

Celebrated oddball screenwriter Charlie Kaufman is back with his second film as a director — following 2008's Synecdoche, New York — and it sure is a doozy. He's made a glorious peculiar-looking stop-motion animation film about a man crippled by the mundanity of life, featuring the voices of David Thewlis and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

4 Closet Monster

First-time feature director and Newfoundland native Stephen Dunn offers a fresh take on coming of age and wrestling with sexuality in this film, following Connor Jessup (Falling Skies) as Oscar, a young horror makeup enthusiast living at odds with his divorced parents and battling internalized homophobia, with his only real friend a hamster that talks to him with the voice of Isabella Rossellini.

5 High Rise

Director Ben Wheatley (Down Terrace, A Field in England) is back from his Doctor Who-filled break with a number of new titles in the offing. The first is an adaptation of a dystopian satire by J.G. Ballard set in a luxury apartment tower and features a pretty damn impressive cast, including Tom Hiddleston, Luke Evans, Jeremy Irons, Sienna Miller and Elisabeth Moss. Get into it.

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Two TIFF films stand out for me: both are based on true stories that unravelled in newsrooms.

While eyes are all agog at spotting a Streep here or a Clooney there during the Toronto International Film Festival, there's a risk that a key component to the festival's success will be lost: the movies.

There are 289 feature films being showcased this year, not to mention 110 shorts, from 71 countries across 28 screens in the city: that's 30,894 minutes of movies.

But what to see? Youth, for one, Italian director's Paolo Sorrentino's follow-up to 2013's The Great Beauty. Director Rebecca Miller's world premiere of Maggie's Plan. Men & Chicken, directed by Anders Thomas Jensen — who is being billed as Denmark's next Lars Von Trier — is a must, if only to see Hannibal's Mads Mikkelsen take a bite out of comedy. And don't forget about Forsaken starring Donald and Kiefer Sutherland.

Two films, however, stand out for me on account of their subject matter: both are based on true stories that unravelled in newsrooms.

THE MOVIE: Spotlight

THE MEAL: Greek salad

Spotlight details the 2002 Boston's Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into the local Catholic Archdiocese's decades-long child molestation coverup that ultimately tarnished the entire Church. The film, whose ensemble cast includes Mark Ruffalo, Stanley Tucci, Rachel McAdams and Michael Keaton, hits theatres in November, if you don't catch during TIFF.

Truth, the directorial debut of James Vanderbilt, who penned 2007's Zodiac — one of the best bits of movie-making this century has produced — has a not-so-shabby cast, too. Cate Blanchett and Robert Redford star as 60 Minutes producer Mary Mapes and anchor Dan Rather. The film, which opens in October, chronicles their investigation during George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign into his alleged draft-dodging. Bush won a second term. Meanwhile, Mapes and Rather's careers were derailed.

I'm no journalist but I was lucky enough to work for five years in a newsroom where some of the country's best reported on everything from terrorist attacks and natural disasters to federal elections and Michael Jackson's death. My job, as the editorial assistant, was to make sure freelancers got paid, managing editors filed their expenses and the staff got fed on production nights. On occasion, my boss would treat me to lunch at Olympic Pizza, where the staff knew our order by heart: a sun-dried tomato and feta four-slice pie for her, and a pepperoni, red pepper and green olive one for me, plus a Greek salad made with the unsung hero of lettuces: iceberg. My boss thought it was the best: "It's always so fresh — and what crunch!" she'd exclaim when it arrived table side.

I'd nod in agreement — she's my boss, after all — and bask in the moment knowing I was a small cog in the machine (namely, unjamming the photocopier daily) that day after day, did something grand.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

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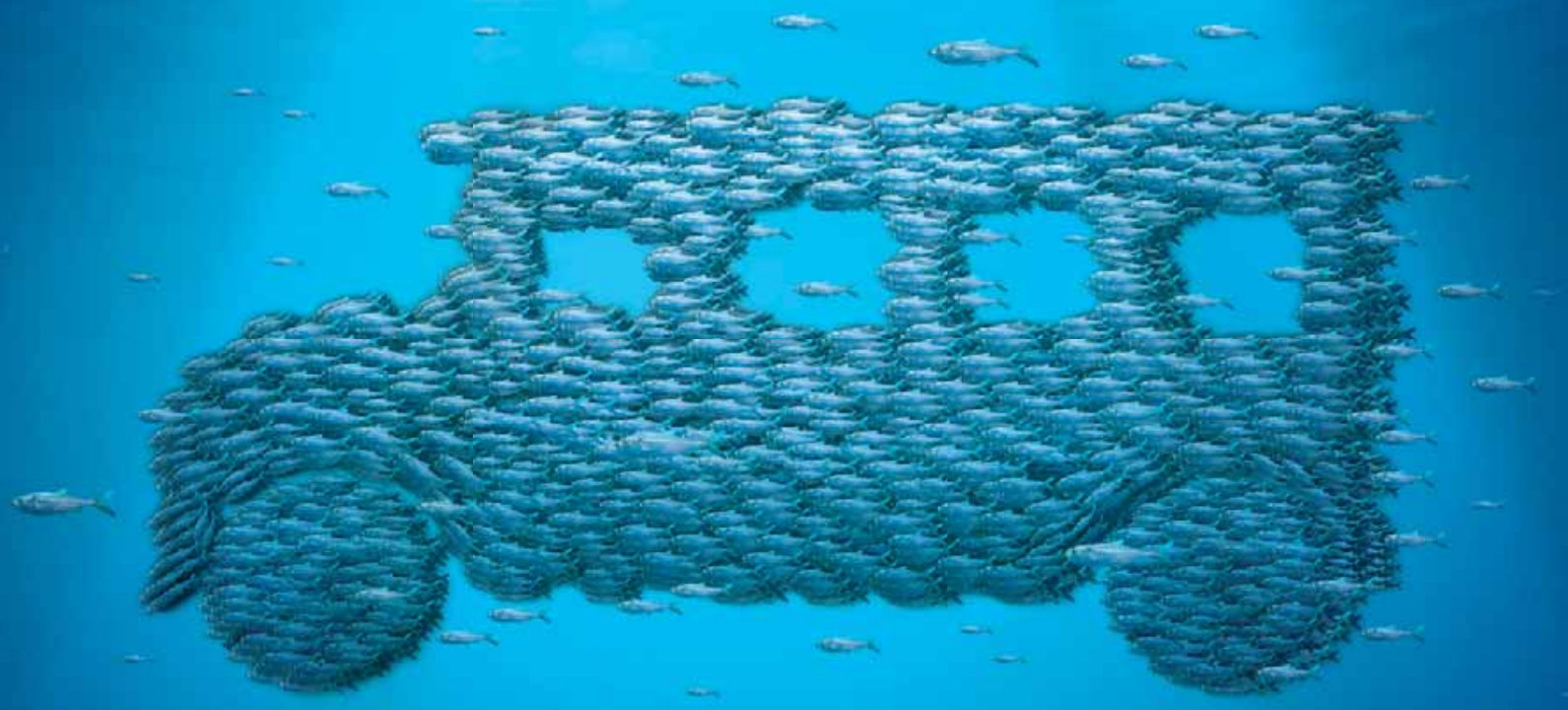

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Cyrus says wolf cull must stop

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Miley Cyrus wants the B.C. government to take a wrecking ball to its wolf culling program.

The pop star added her voice to Pacific Wild's Save B.C. Wolves campaign with an Instagram post urging people to sign the petition to stop the cull.

"I am shameless when it comes to making changes in a world that at times needs to reevaluate its morals when dealing with kindness and compassion towards animals, humanity, and the environment," Cyrus wrote in her post, which was liked more than 167,000 times as of Wednesday evening.

"We can't let another winter pass up by without stopping this mass extermination!"

Cyrus' fans flocked to the online petition, which received nearly 200,000 signatures as of Wednesday evening.

The B.C. government started the cull to save endangered mountain caribou in the South Peace and in the South Selkirk Mountains, where the caribou population declined to 18 in March 2014 from 46 in 2009.

It killed 84 wolves in January by shooting them from helicopters, according to the Ministry of Environment.

It contends that wolves are responsible for killing a high proportion of caribou, but organizations including Pacific Wild dispute that claim.

They instead blame the caribou decline on habitat destruction and human encroachment.

B.C.'s wolf population is estimated at 8,500, according to a 2014 government report on wolf management.

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MUSIC IN THE MOVIES

Elvis first to make soundtracks big business

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada

Of the hundreds of movies, documentaries and shorts scheduled for the Toronto International Film Festival, I'll bet that 100 per cent of them feature some kind of music: bespoke scores, performances, placement of previously recorded works. Music and movies have gone together since Al Jolson shocked audiences by speaking and singing in The Jazz Singer in 1927.

Walt Disney was the first to release a movie soundtrack with a multiple set of 78s for Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in 1938, following it with the first orchestral score (also a pack of 78s) with The Jungle Book in 1942.

When Columbia Records introduced the long-playing 33 1/3 album in 1948, they had movie soundtracks in mind.

The LP's ability to offer 20 minutes of music per side — up from the four minutes per side offered by the old 78 RPM records — was perfect for classical performances, original cast recordings from Broadway shows and songs from Hollywood musicals.

It took a few more years for rock 'n' roll to make its way into movies.

The first rock song to be heard in a movie was Rock Around the Clock, written in 1952 by Max Freedman and James Myers and turned into a hit by Bill Haley and the Comets in 1956. When Blackboard Jungle included the song in the film three times (opening credits, an instrumental midway through the movie and again over the closing credits) later that year, MGM inadvertently created the first rock 'n' roll movie soundtrack.

> **MGM never released the music from Blackboard Jungle on LP.**

The inclusion of the song made some British theatre owners very uneasy, prompting some to cut the song from the beginning of the film lest it cause teen audiences to lose their minds.

This wasn't an entirely crazy idea, either. After a gang of Teddy Boys started a riot at a Blackboard Jungle screening at a South London cinema in 1956, tearing up seats, assorted vandalism and engaging in the occasional bit of violence became the thing to do wherever the movie was shown.

To many, this offered proof that rock 'n' roll inevitably led to juvenile delinquency, crime — and maybe worse.

MGM never released the music from Blackboard Jungle on LP because there wasn't enough music to fill an album.

There were just two other songs in the movie: the title track by Willis Holman and Let Me Go by Jenny Lou Larson. Neither was given an official credit, either.

It would be up to a guy named Elvis Presley and to turn rock 'n' roll movie soundtracks into big business.

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Indie rock gets mocked

THE PLATEAUS

Meet the most ridiculous band since Spinal Tap

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada

Spinal Tap was one of the most hilarious rock 'n' roll parody bands to ever grace our screens.

It was a fictitious rock group that spoofed the very real ridiculousness that is the music industry. This fall we're getting introduced to the next generation of great buffoon rockers lost in an industry of absurdity, The Plateaus.

The Plateaus is a CBC.ca comedy series created by and starring Schitt's Creek's Annie Murphy along with actors/writers Matt Raudsepp and Kyle Gatehouse.

The series follows a perfectly clichéd indie rock band that's hovering at the brink of success after releasing an infectious hit single.

In a moment of rock 'n' roll irony, the band loses its self-indulgent but talented lead singer to a freak guitar-shredding accident.

Despite possessing zero talent, the clueless trio of remaining members refuses to fall off their path to superstardom. Rock 'n' roll ridiculousness ensues.

"Five or six years ago when I was an unemployed actress in Montreal, I ended up touring around with my husband's band a lot," explains Murphy.

"There were too many instances of heated band arguments about outrageous things like who would be the best tight rope walker and so many encounters with these crazy industry people that took themselves so, so seriously. I started writing down all those instances and came up with the idea for this show."

As the series' dim-witted leads, Murphy, Raudsepp and Gatehouse are far from alone in all of their humorous misadventures as The Plateaus.

The ten episodes each feature a whack of bizarrely eccentric industry players played by a well curated supporting cast that includes Kevin MacDonald, Eric Peterson, a Popular Mechanics For Kids reunion of Jay Baruchel, Elisha Cuthbert and Tyler Kyte and of course Montreal rocker Sam Roberts who plays an epically sleazy label exec.

> **We had some very cool people who were willing to go out on a limb and joke around.**
> Annie Murphy, star and creator of The Plateaus

"We dressed Sam in pleather pants, snake skin shoes, a Michael Vick jersey and diamond studs, and he said 'Guys! I've never felt so good. I feel like a real a-hole!'" jokes Murphy.

"We had some very cool people who were willing to go out on a limb and joke around. It was an amazing cast that we drummed up."

Murphy even managed to recruit beloved Canadian children's performer Fred Penner to play The Plateau's landlord, a series highlight.

"I met him at a Pop Montreal show and I've never been so flustered to meet someone before," gushes Murphy.

"I asked him to be in my web series and instead of him saying 'no, I'm Fred Penner you idiot,' he was like 'that sounds absolutely lovely. Here's my email address.'

"I hope the series makes people laugh," says Murphy of her personal project that has been five years in the making.

"I hope people are happy to see a few familiar faces acting differently then they normally do, and I hope it brings some pleasure into their lives for a few minutes, as corny as that may sound."

The Plateaus is now streaming on cbc.ca/plateaus.

The Plateaus follows a perfectly clichéd indie rock band that's hovering at the brink of success after releasing an infectious hit single. HANDOUT

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MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

The Perfect Guy

Director: David M. Rosenthal
Starring: Michael Ealy, Sanaa Lathan

After a painful breakup, successful lobbyist Leah Vaughn jumps into a passionate relationship with a charming stranger. When her ex-boyfriend resurfaces in her life she has to figure out who she should trust and who she should fear.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED
Audience: +91%

ACTION & ADVENTURE

Wolf Totem

Director: Jean-Jacques Annaud
Starring: Shao-feng Feng

In 1967, a young Beijing student, Chen Zhen, is sent to live among the nomadic herdsmen of Inner Mongolia. Caught between the advance of civilization from the south and the nomads' traditional enemies — the marauding wolves — to the north; humans and animals, residents and invaders alike, struggle to find their place in the world.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 70%
Audience: +73%

MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

The Visit

Director: M. Night Shyamalan
Starring: Kathryn Hahn, Deanna Dunagan

The terrifying story of a brother and sister who are sent to their grandparents' remote Pennsylvania farm for a week-long trip. Once the children discover the elderly couple is involved in something deeply disturbing, they see their chances of getting back home are growing smaller every day.

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Hot off the grill

Gordon Ramsay, Tom Aikens and April Bloomfield are among a number of Michelin-starred chefs who will be particularly busy this fall. Ramsay and Aikens are each planning dual openings in Dubai and Hong Kong, while Bloomfield is all about burgers in The Big Apple. Check out some of the most highly anticipated restaurant openings around the world. **AFP**

1 New York

Salvation Burger, by April Bloomfield
News that Bloomfield would be opening a restaurant dedicated to burgers has had New Yorkers salivating, given her reputation as the burger queen for her Roquefort-topped burger at The Spotted Pig, a sandwich that enjoys mythical status in the city. You can imagine the excitement once news let out that the chef would be opening a burger joint in similar vein to her Salvation Taco, which has already taken up residence in the Pod Hotel. Burger patties will be cooked over a wood fire. The restaurant will also serve vegetarian, chicken and fish burgers and homemade hot dogs. (October)

Momosan Ramen & Sake, by Masaharu Morimoto
New York's simmering love affair with ramen is about to heat up with the opening of a new Japanese noodle soup restaurant helmed by the Iron Chef Morimoto. Ramen noodles will be suspended in either pork bone or chicken broth, which can be washed down with an extensive sake menu. (October)

2 London

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Les 110 de Taillevent
Michelin-starred Paris restaurant Taillevent is expanding to London at Cavendish Square, where it will open Les 110 de Taillevent, which will serve contemporary and seasonal French dishes. The 110 refers to the number of wines available by the glass. Like its Parisian predecessor, the London outpost is expected to offer four wines for each course in meticulously chosen pairings. (September)

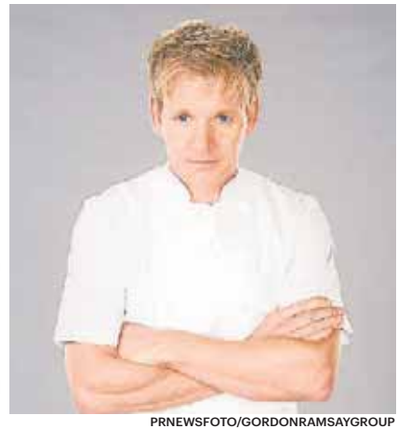
The Fat Duck, by Heston Blumenthal
After a six-month stint in Australia, during which time his flagship Michelin-starred restaurant The Fat Duck underwent major renovations, British celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal will be reopening the iconic restaurant under a new theme: childhood. Diners will be sent on a culinary journey down memory lane, with a multi-sensory menu that evokes everything from nostalgic, retro breakfast cereals, Alice in Wonderland and nursery rhymes. (Sept. 29)

BEN STANSALL/AFP

3 Dubai

Bread Street Kitchen, by Gordon Ramsay
Celebrity chef Ramsay announced in June plans to take up residence at the luxury Atlantis, The Palm Hotel in Dubai. Ramsay brings his popular London restaurant Bread Street Kitchen to the Middle East, an international menu featuring dishes like roasted cod with potatoes, artichoke, salted capers, and red wine and lemon sauce; tamarind spiced chicken wings; and duck breast with potatoes and cabbage puree. (Fall)

Pots, Pans and Boards, by Tom Aikens
After shuttering his eponymously named London restaurant that launched Aikens to fame, the chef has set his sights abroad, with concurrent projects in Dubai and Hong Kong. In Dubai, Pots, Pans and Boards, named after Aikens' memories of clanging pots in the family kitchen, will be a casual eatery serving English, Mediterranean and French dishes. (September)



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4 Hong Kong

The Fat Pig, by Tom Aikens
As its name suggests, Aikens' second Hong Kong restaurant, after The Pawn, will feature all things porcine on the menu. It will open at the Times Square space at Causeway Bay. (November)

London House, by Gordon Ramsay
With views over the Victoria Harbour, Ramsay's London House will offer two levels of dining and serve distinctly British fare with an extensive beer and wine menu. (September)

Mr & Mrs Fox, by Swire Restaurants and chef Joey Sergentakis, of Cafe Gray Deluxe
Hong Kong is getting a swanky new surf and turf restaurant that will serve premium cuts of Australian Angus steaks, dry-aged in-house for 28 days, as well as a variety of seafood. Located at Taikoo Place Apartments, the restaurant spans three floors with a seating capacity for 250 diners, and will also feature an in-house craft beerhouse. (Opened Sept. 7)

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New cycling tours
Better start doing more leg presses at the gym. Mountain-bike touring company H+I Adventures has launched guided trips through New Zealand, Spain and Slovenia that combine mountain ranges with coastal trails, taking cyclists from the shorelines to the summits. Enjoy local food and a variety of digs, from mountain huts to luxury caves. Visit MountainbikeWorldwide.com.

Cycle through New Zealand. CONTRIBUTED

Gourmet trend
Bumping up to business class? Air Canada just hired award-winning Vancouver chef David Hawksworth to create the menu for the airline's international business flights and elevate the offerings in the Maple Leaf Lounges, beginning Oct. 1. The dishes will be in line with Air Canada's route-inspired menus. Break out the Aeroplan points and tuck in.

Yellow fin tuna on Air Canada. CONTRIBUTED

Bucket list: Zermatt
Now that the larch trees are about to turn yellow-gold, a fall break in the Swiss alpine town of Zermatt could see you celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the iconic Matterhorn nearby. The number of tourists has dwindled, leaving you free to enjoy mountain railways, cable cars, glacier trails, hike-and-bike tours and fresh, car-free air. Visit Zermatt.ch. DOUG WALLACE

Zermatt, Switzerland. PASCAL GERTSCHEN

Theft-proof your vacation

ON THE MOVE

Tips to protect your belongings at the hotel and on the go

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Nothing can ruin a travel adventure quicker than having your money or personal possessions stolen. Following are some top tactical tips to avoid travel theft.

Credit card

Before you leave on vacation call your credit card company to let them know you are travelling. They can flag your card for any unusual or potentially fraudulent charges and put a stop to the fraud before it starts.

At the hotel

The public and transient nature of a hotel make it an attractive place to commit petty crime so be smart. Safes have become fairly commonplace but it is worth asking if your hotel has in-room safes when making your guestroom reservation.

Nanjing Road, Shanghai's busiest shopping street. Large gatherings give pickpockets the opportunity to blend into crowds, but there are ways you can reduce your risk. ISTOCK

If they do, use them.

If you are travelling alone also ask for a room close to the elevator. Do not answer the door to an unexpected guest. If they claim to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to verify. Use the "Do Not Disturb" sign if you want strangers to think you are in-house and leave the closets and bathroom door open when you leave.

Crowd control

Avoid large gatherings. Whether it is a celebration, rally or protest, pickpockets like to blend into chaotic crowds as they search for unsuspecting tourists.

Consider purchasing a travel-safe purse with a "slash-proof" strap. There are also purses and wallets equipped with anti-scan pockets to assist you in fending off tech-savvy criminals who try and scan your credit card information.

Outer appearances

A recent survey from The Divine Destination Collection, Canada's curator of unique luxury travel adventures, found that its upscale clientele strongly believed that leaving the bling at home is the key to avoiding theft on vacation. Of the respondents, 76.6 per cent do not travel wearing valuable clothing, watches or jewelry, and 36.67 per cent admitted that they actually dress down while on vacation.

Party smart

Be wary of new friends. Without a doubt meeting people is one of the best parts of travelling, but not everyone has your best interests at heart. Keep conversations light and do not offer up any personal information, such as where you are staying or your cabin number if you happen to be on a cruise.

Also make sure to drink responsibly. It's fine to let your hair down on vacation but you always want to be in control and aware of your surroundings.

BRUCE TRAIL

Free guided hikes along Niagara Escarpment
In the Niagara wine region, students from Niagara College will lead hikes to explore a reclaimed wetland.

At Owen Sound's Pottawatomi Conservation Area, members of the Sydenham Bruce Trail Club will show visitors striking rock formations and a variety of forest types.

The Oct. 4 outings are part of this year's Bruce Trail Day, an annual celebration of Canada's oldest and longest footpath. The main trail spans more than 885 kilometres along the Niagara Escarpment, from Niagara to Tobermory, Ont.

Clubs in the Bruce Trail Conservancy will host free guided hikes and family activities.

The events include hikes in City View Park in Burlington; Limehouse and Scotsdale Farm in Halton Hills; Blue Mountain and Kolapore Uplands west of Collingwood; Forks of the Credit Provincial Park in Caledon; and Mono Cliffs Provincial Park near Orangeville.

For more information, go to brucetrail.org/pages/bruce-trail-day.

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Floyd Mayweather Jr. insists he'll retire after Saturday's match against Andre Berto

Start of key series delayed

MLB

Blue Jays take 1-1/2 game lead on Yankees into Friday

The Toronto Blue Jays and New York Yankees had to wait another day for the start of their AL East showdown.

The opener of the four-game series between division-leading Toronto and the second-place Yankees was postponed because of rain on Thursday night more than an hour before the scheduled first pitch.

The teams will make the game up with a doubleheader Saturday starting at 1:05 p.m. The second game starts a half-hour after the opener ends.

Toronto has a 1-1/2 game lead over the Yankees after both teams lost two of three against division rivals this week.

Blue Jays ace David Price had been set to start Thursday against Yankees rookie Luis Severino. They will each get the ball Friday night.

"It's not ideal for your pitching," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "The thought process is you're probably not going to use relievers twice in a day. You might, depending on how hard they were worked and what their workload was before.... It just changes your flexibility in a sense."

The clubs will stay on schedule with their rotations. New York will start Michael Pineda and Ivan Nova Saturday, but Girardi did not say in what order.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Marco Estrada will start the first game and Marcus Stroman will make his season debut in the nightcap.

Girardi acknowledged this was the Yankees' most significant series since they were last in the playoffs in 2012. Price sees the big weekend differently.

"Every series we play is important now," he said after the rainout. "You can't put any more importance on any certain game or any certain series. We all know that we need to win games and keep playing the same baseball that we've been playing."

That's been some stellar baseball since Price, Troy Tulowitzki and Ben Revere arrived in trades before the trade deadline, going 29-9 since Tulowitzki's first game on July 29.

The Yankees had a seven-game lead in the division the day the Blue Jays made their first big move — a trade with Colorado that also brought reliever LaTroy Hawkins to help stabilize a shaky bullpen.

"I've had some wild dreams," Gibbons said when asked if he's played out the rest of the season.

While the Yankees faltered as Toronto ran off 11 straight wins, the teams have been matching each other down the stretch, with each winning eight of their last 11 games.

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Rain pushed the first of four games between Toronto and New York from Thursday to Friday night. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

HEAD-TO-HEAD

The Blue Jays are 8-4 against the Yankees, including a three-game sweep in the Bronx Aug. 7-9, this season.

IN BRIEF

Serena's semifinal match pushed back a day

Serena Williams will have to wait before continuing her bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam: her U.S. Open semifinal was postponed because of rain in the forecast.

The top-seeded Williams was supposed to face 43rd-ranked Roberta Vinci on Thursday night, but nearly four hours before that match would have started, the U.S. Tennis Association — citing a prediction of "rain throughout the evening" — pushed back both women's semifinals until Friday. Simona Halep and Flavia Pennetta are featured in the other match.

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Bills lock up Dareus with nine-figure extension

The Buffalo Bills now have two $100-million starters fronting their defensive line after Marcell Dareus signed a six-year contract extension on Thursday.

The defensive tackle's new contract, which kicks in after this season, is worth just over $100 million, and makes Dareus the team's top-paid player. The value of Dareus' extension surpasses the six-year, $100-million contract the Bills signed defensive end Mario Williams to during free agency in March 2012.

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Go to metronews.ca for coverage for coverage of Thursday's Patriots-Steelers season opener.

BASKETBALL

Olympics in sight with Wiggins leading the way for Canada

Andrew Wiggins, left, and Canada will take on Venezuela on Friday. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Canada is in position to secure a berth to its first Olympic basketball tournament since Sydney 2000, with Andrew Wiggins leading a young team that has been too much to handle in the qualifiers and is aiming to be a surprise in Rio 2016.

Wiggins, the NBA rookie of the year last season for Minnesota, is averaging 15.5 points in the FIBA Americas Tournament. He'll lead a Canadian team that finished first and will play Venezuela in the semifinals with an Olympic spot at stake.

In the other semifinal Friday night, Argentina will face Mexico. Canada beat Venezuela by 20 points in the first round and is the heavy favourites to qualify for Rio.

After losing 94-87 to Argentina in its first game of the tournament, Canada has won seven straight — by an average of 27.7 points.

"This Canadian team is something that this tournament has not seen for quite some time," Venezuela coach Nestor Garcia said. "Their talent level is unbelievable."

Along with Wiggins and Minnesota teammate Anthony Bennett, Canada features another seven NBA players.

15.5

Wiggins' 15.5 points per game is fifth best in the tournament, but he's averaging only 24.4 minutes. Luis Scola, from Argentina, is the leader at 22.4 PPG, but he's playing 31.2 MPG

The oldest is the Los Angeles Lakers' Robert Sacre, a 26-year-old centre who's a reserve.

But none of those NBA players is as talented as Wiggins, a 20-year-old forward who averaged 16.9 points in his first NBA season.

"He's a great player, and he's adapted and fit into anything that we've asked him to do with our team here," Canada coach Jay Triano said. "He has become one of our leaders, a guy we can run plays for or put him in situations where he can make plays for others."

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Mitch Marner will return to his junior hockey home in London, Ont., for rookie camp. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAPLE LEAFS ROOKIE CAMP

High-end talents look to turn heads

All eyes will be on Mitch Marner this weekend when the Maple Leafs' top prospects suit up in blue and white for a game for the first time at the team's rookie tournament in London, Ont., where Marner became a star with the OHL Knights.

Marner will play centre — as will William Nylander — in the three-game, four-team tournament.

"Trying to make the big team starts this weekend," Marner said. "It's the first look they get at you in a game. They see how much work you put in and the results you put up.

"The most important thing ... go out there and do the best I can and play the game I know how to play."

Nylander, coming to his second rookie tournament, seemed less brash and more humble than a year ago.

"I'm trying to learn and work hard," Nylander said. "If I make the Leafs, I'll be happy, and if I don't I'll work just as hard with the Marlies."

Unlike previous rookie tournaments — which have become a staple for all teams across the league the past 10 years — the Leafs have a fair amount of high-end talent in their room.

Twenty-nine players — 17 forwards, 10 defencemen and two goalies — reported to the MasterCard Centre on Thursday before heading to London for the weekend. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HATS OFF MATS

Mats Sundin idolized Borje Salming growing up. Soon he will be bronzed next to his hero on the Toronto Maple Leafs' Legends Row.

Sundin, the franchise leader with 420 goals and 987 points, will be the latest Leafs star to be immortalized as part of the monument outside ACC when his statue is unveiled during the team's fan fest Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Not really a rivalry if you get beat by 30'

CFL

Double Blue look to avoid third blowout from Hamilton

Trevor Harris relishes the challenge of playing the Hamilton Tiger-Cats for a second time in four days.

The Toronto Argonauts face their archrivals at Rogers Centre on Friday night with the memory of their 42-12 Labour Day thumping at Tim Hortons Field still fresh in their minds. The quick turnaround suits Harris just fine.

"It's great," he said. "We just got our heads beat in (Monday). It's an opportunity for us to avenge that. We've got an excited group, a focused group.

"We just have to go out there and execute our game plan."

Toronto (6-4) has had its problems with Hamilton (7-3) this season. The Ticats have won both meetings by a combined 76-30 margin to clinch the season series.

"Everyone wants to talk about this being a rivalry game but we've got to make it a rivalry game," Harris said. "It's not really a rivalry if you get beat by 30 points.

"We've got to go out and make sure we're on our Ps and Qs. We've got to earn some respect."

On Monday, Hamilton had 502 net yards, a blocked punt and scored on its first five possessions (three TDs, two field goals) for a commanding 27-1 halftime lead. Quarterback Zach Collaros completed 26 of 38 passes for 400 yards and four TDs.

"This team (Ticats) seems to thrive on making a special-teams play early in a game and running you out of the gym before you can get a breath," Toronto head coach Scott Milanovich said. "We need to not let that happen, we need to keep it a game and see how they respond in the fourth quarter of a tight game."

Harris completed 24 of 34 passes for 211 yards with a TD and interception against Hamilton. This week, Milanovich challenged his first-year starter to be better.

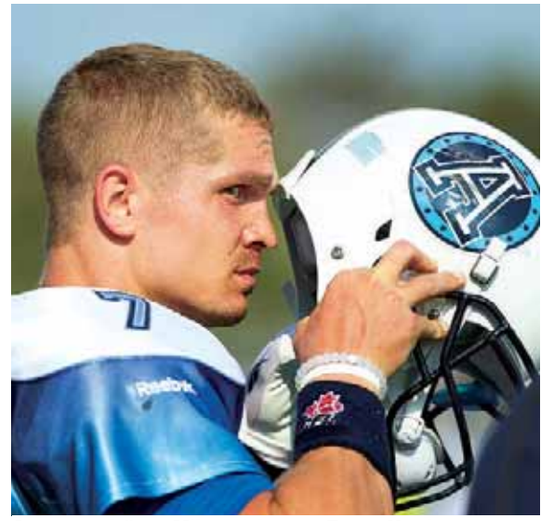
"For the past seven or eight games Zach has been playing as good as anybody I've ever seen play in this league," Milanovich said. "I'm not asking (Harris) to be Zach ... Trevor just needs to make the throws when they're available.

"That's what must happen when the other quarterback is hot."

Harris is taking a matter-of-fact approach to Friday night's game.

"I'm just looking forward to executing the game plan," he said.

Hamilton can sweep the regular-season series with Toronto but more importantly move four points ahead of the Argos in the battle for top spot in the East. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Argos coach Scott Milanovich wants Trevor Harris to execute the game plan, not get into a shootout with Ticats QB Zach Collaros on Friday night. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WEEK 12 PICK

Tiger-Cats at Argonauts, 7:30 p.m, Friday

Toronto (6-4) has dropped two straight and been outscored 80-25 in the process. And it doesn't get any easier facing Hamilton (7-3) four days after a one-sided 42-12 loss at Tim Hortons Field, thanks to 400 yards passing and four TDs from Zach Collaros. The Argos sport a 3-0 home record — which includes a win in Alberta — but the Ticats are 3-2 on the road and also won 34-18 over the Argos at home on Aug. 3.

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- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup canned or frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped (without seeds)
- 2 tsp chili powder

Garnish
- 1/2 cup low fat sour cream
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup green onions
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro

Directions
1. Melt margarine in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion and green pepper, stirring occasionally until tender, about five minutes. Add ground turkey, stirring occasionally until done, about five minutes.
2. Stir in garlic, beans, tomatoes, corn, jalapeno pepper and chili powder. Reduce heat to low and simmer covered, stirring occasionally until heated through, about 20 minutes.
3. Serve in either hollowed out dinner roll, over pasta, baked potato or on its own. Serve with garnishes.

Nutrition per serving (chili)
- Calories 255
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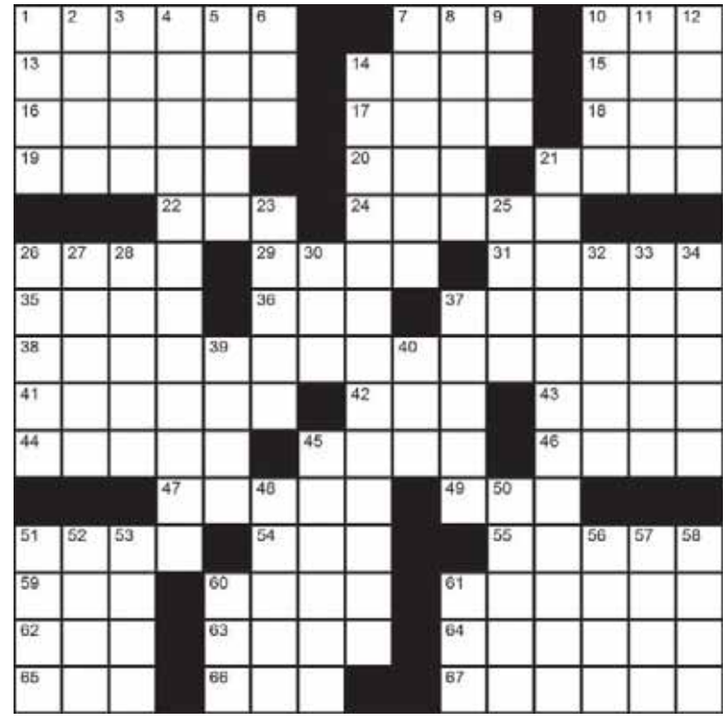

ACROSS
1. Dress pants
7. "The National" airer
10. Val-_'__, Quebec
13. Capital of Cuba
14. Choo! Choo!... 'Station' in Quebec
15. Pres. Eisenhower
16. Made amends
17. Canadian filmmaker Mr. Reitman
18. Soldier's food-in-a-packet [acronym]
19. Salon rinse
20. Preacher, e.g.
21. Become better
22. 'E' in P.E.I., briefly
24. Feudal lord; or, a city in Belgium
26. _ __ (Slightly)
29. Org.
31. Burdened
35. Haves and have-__
36. Poetically far
37. "Thy will __ __ in earth..." - The Lord's Prayer
38. Canada: 3 wds.
41. One of The Dionne Quintuplets
42. Obtained
43. Challenger
44. "__ Entertain You" by British pop star Robbie Williams: 2 wds.
45. Vincent van Gogh's brother
46. Beige
47. "It doesn't matter whether __ __..."
49. American airer since '71
51. Similar
54. Gold: Spanish
55. Later on
59. Ms. Imbruglia, to pals
60. Clothing line for part
61. "Shark Tank" tycoon Daymond John
62. B'way's locale
63. Help __ __
64. Well-__ (Rich)
65. "__ la la!"
66. Lana Del __
67. Autumn flowers

DOWN
1. Ex-ruler of Iran
2. Not on time
3. Mary Kay rival
4. Product by Canadian food brand Clover Leaf: 2 wds.
5. Work the dough
6. "__ Songs (Say So Much)" by Elton John
7. Hazard for miners: 2 wds.
8. Courageous
9. 100 yrs.
10. Bluenose coin
11. Gumbo
12. Fishing rod
14. Fun for fellow female friends: 3 wds.
21. Alanis Morissette song that goes "You ask how my day was.": 3 wds.
23. The Were connector (Barbra Streisand/Robert Redford flick): 2 wds.
25. "Glengarry __ Ross" (1992)
26. One of Charlie's trio on '70s TV
27. Singer Mel
28. Had that sandwich: 2 wds.
30. Musical fifth note, variantly
32. Like an ancient style of architecture in Greece
33. Participate
34. Psychedelic jacket style
37. Make a wager at the casino: 2 wds.
39. Level
40. Boot bit
45. Newfoundland town near St. John's
48. Fruitless: 2 wds.
50. Becomes ashen from fright
51. Latin 'year'
52. Send to the boxing canvas
53. Rash reaction
56. Story
57. _ since that time...
58. Many wines
60. Evergreen tree
61. "__-ching!"

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No, you must not start slowing down. The approaching solar eclipse will bring you all sorts of new opportunities and this could turn out to be one of the best times of the year, so set your sights high and push harder.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You must be decisive today; loved ones will be expecting you to give some kind of lead. Remember that despite your occasional minor differences you are part of the same team.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may have good reason to be annoyed by someone's behaviour but the approaching eclipse means it is not worth your time or energy. If certain individuals get you down then turn your back and walk away.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A new cycle is about to begin, one that will help you get more materially. Even a Leo needs to pay the bills and the weekend will bring you new insights into ways to make money.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Sunday's eclipse in your sign promises a new beginning, but don't just sit back and wait for wonderful things to happen. The more effort you put in now the more you will get.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Attitude is everything. With the right outlook you will find ways to turn all events in your favour, even those which, on the surface at least, seem to be acting against your interests. Think positive.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be a loner by nature but make an effort to get along with others. It may not be possible to like everyone but that does not mean you cannot work with them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The approaching eclipse will make it easy for you to reach out and influence events. Don't sit around lamenting missed opportunities, get out and make a few more.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make time to plan for the future. The more you look ahead the more likely it is you will get lucky before the end of the year. You will soon get a chance to move up in the world.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Some of what happens over the next few days may be hard to understand but be assured there is a reason. Play along and don't doubt for a moment that everything will come right in the end. Somehow it always does.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will get the chance to put relationships on a firmer footing — make good use of it. It will be easier if you are willing to confess that your attitude has been part of the problem.

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